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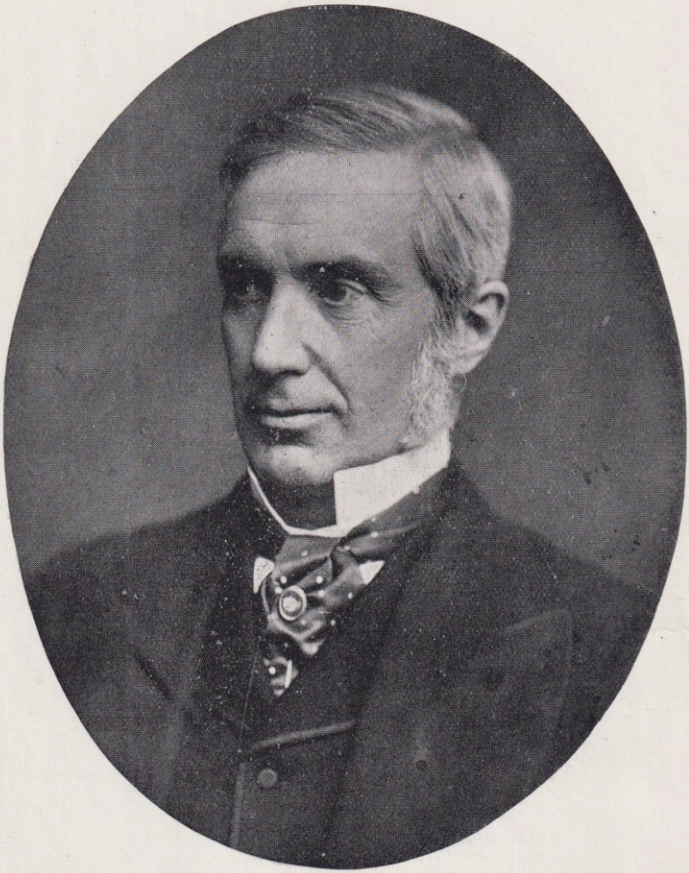

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To the
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this second Series of Sketches of Bristol Worthies and
Notable Residents is most respectfully dedicated by
the Author.

# PREFACE

I don't know that there is much to be said by way of preface, except that I am naturally pleased that the public and their servants, the publishers, are sufficiently satisfied with the First Series of these slight Sketches of more or less well-known figures in the Bristol district within the last half-century to desire a further instalment.

I have endeavoured to make this as representative as its predecessor, and to write plainly, briefly, and impartially, of all the persons included in this Series, giving my own remembrance and impressions of each, which must be taken for what they are worth, and entirely the result of personal recollections of the several parties.

As before, I have given the majority of the Sketches of those who have passed away as being likely to interest many of my readers who may not have had the opportunity of meeting with the people, and may like to know something about them.

I have taken considerable trouble to obtain as many portraits as possible, and would like to have published one for every Sketch given.

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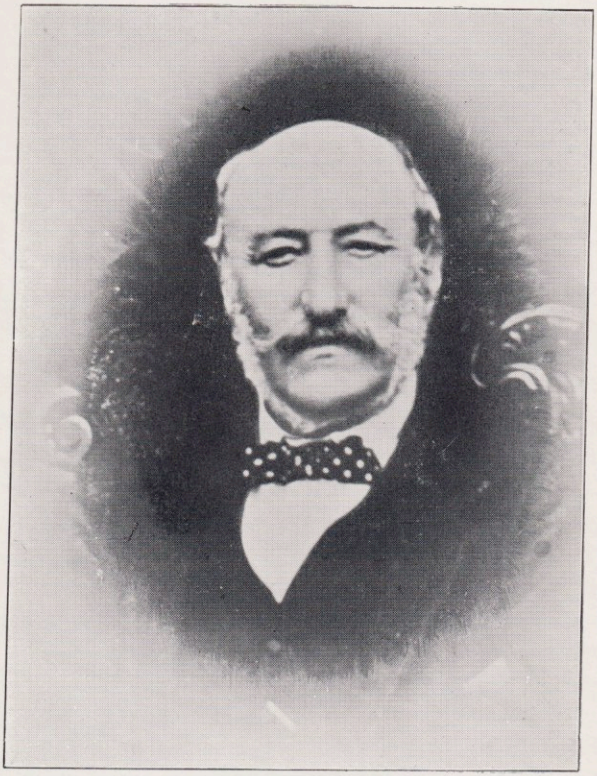

His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, K.G.

## AUTHOR'S NOTE.

Since the appearance of the First Series of these Sketches my attention has been called to the following errors which appeared therein :—

*R. G. Barrow*, page 11. His wife should be said to have been a sister of the late W. E. Acraman, and *not* of Dr. Bartley, as stated.

*S. V. Hare*, page 43, was a senior partner in the well-known firm of "John Hare & Co.," and *not* "John & Co.," as stated.

*Joseph Leech*, page 55, wrote, amongst other books, "The Church Goer," *not* "The Church Grey," as stated.

*E. A. Harley*, page 111, married Miss Gilpin, and *not* Miss Doveton, as stated.

*Sir F. Wills, Bart.*, page 122. I am very pleased to find I was misinformed about the death of Lady Frederick, and that her Ladyship is alive.

Since my slight sketch of Mr. Alfred Brittan was penned, and even after it was in type and on the eve of publication, I have been both shocked and grieved to hear of the death of his widow, for whom I had profound esteem and respect as a most amiable, kind-hearted, and charming person, whom I had known slightly for many years, and in common with most of her friends, I was astounded at her announced age, as I certainly thought her some twenty years younger!

On page 26, in the sketch of *Richard Cripps*, in the last line but four, tbe word given as Trust is a mis-print for Teast.

### Portraits.

I am glad to be able to give herewith the portraits of some more of the Worthies who appeared in the First Series of Sketches, but the photographs were not procured in

time to be included ; as well as a much larger proportion of both the Past and the Present in this Series.

In answer to some remarks which have reached me from various sources, I may here state that these slight Sketches, which have been written by one who knew all the subjects of them more or less, almost entirely without personal application to the parties for any details, are not intended to be *biographies* in the ordinary sense of the term, but merely reminiscences of Past and Present residents of the Bristol district, as they are recalled by the writer, so that some errors are unavoidable.

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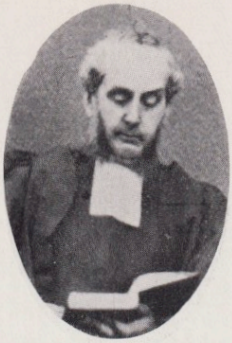

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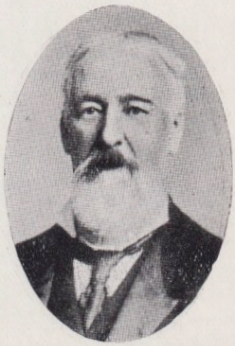

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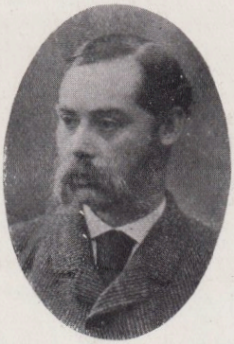

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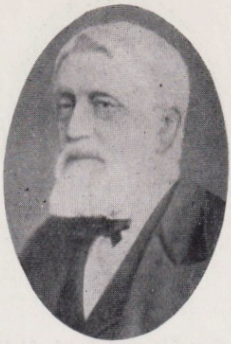

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## *and Notable Residents*

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### ALDERMAN HENRY ABBOT

Was a tall, dark man, usually dressed in black, wearing slight side whiskers, and invariably a black silk hat, worn far back on his head. He had rather a solemn cast of countenance, but was affable and courteous to all, and generally popular, in and out of his profession, which was that of a solicitor, in large practice, being head of the firm of " Abbot, Lucas & Leonard," which is still carried on by his sons and others under a slightly altered name.

He was a very active member of the Town Council, and for many years one of the Aldermen, served the office of President of the " Grateful Society," and was long on the Committee of that useful Society, and Director of the Bristol Water Company. The Alderman was a good and able speaker, and was always listened to with attention, both at Council meetings and elsewhere, when he put in an appearance. In the profession, he was regarded as one of the soundest men in the district, and his opinions were always received with the utmost respect. He married Miss Lucas, and left a family of children, two of his sons,

as has been stated, entered their father's profession, and one of his daughters married Mr. Edmund Jose, a son of T. P. Jose, J.P. For all the latter part of his life he lived at Abbot's Leigh, near Bristol, where he died, to the great regret of a numerous circle of friends, well up in years.

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## JOSEPH ABRAHAM

Will be remembered as a tall, handsome man of large proportions, who for many years carried on an extensive business in the wine trade, and lived in Tyndall's Park, where he had a very good looking family, including his wife. He was sociable, agreeable and very popular in a large circle of friends, by whom he was universally spoken of as " Joe." He served the office of Mayor of Bristol in a creditable manner, and was President of the " Grateful Society," but was not very keen on public work, in the general way. He was not particularly fond of being dragged to all the social gatherings and fashionable functions in which his wife delighted, and often permitted her to be escorted thither by his children and other friends.

He died at a comparatively early age, and it is believed the rest of the family have long since left this district, but several of the children were well known there before their father's death, and were much in evidence at any popular gathering in the neighbourhood where they had lived from childhood.

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## WILLIAM ALEXANDER

Practically was for many years the head of the firm of Messrs. Alexander, formerly carrying on business in Bristol as Foreign Merchants, and Vice-Consuls for several Continental countries.

He lived, with his wife and three daughters and three sons, in Berkeley Square, and was long on the Aldermanic

Bench of the Town Council, where, as elsewhere, he was generally popular and esteemed for his sound common sense, and courtesy to all who came in contact with him. In appearance he was of good height, well set up, invariably dressed in black, of slight build, grave looking, but very genial and pleasant in conversation, and an active man who carried his years well.

Originally two of his sons, Edward and Alfred, were associated with him in business, and one, Brandon, was called to the Bar ; his yellow barouche was a well known object in Clifton in the fifties and sixties, and his daughters were some of the foremost leaders of fashion in the district, much admired, and very popular everywhere.

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## SAMUEL ALEXANDER.

Quite a smart, dapper little man ; was full of go and activity, excitable and nervous in temperament, with a sufficient sense of his own importance, and appreciative of his business knowledge and abilities.

For many years he was the head of the firm of auctioneers, valuers, and insurance assessors known as " Alexander, Daniel & Co.," who did an extensive business in their own line throughout the Bristol district, and the West of England. A staunch Conservative in politics, but took no active part in Municipal or other public matters. He was a man rather slight in figure, below middle height, wearing largish all-round whiskers, on a small face, with bright eyes, very neat and prim in dress, and had a general air of alertness about him. His open carriage and pair was a well known object in the streets, and he lived, with his wife, in comfortable style, in one of the houses overlooking the Clifton College grounds, near Clifton Park, where he died, after a somewhat long illness, at an advanced age, but left no family. His nephew,

Charles Badcock, whom he had adopted, took the name of Alexander, and his uncle's place in the firm, but he has since entirely gone out of the business, and, writer believes, has left the district. The firm is still carried on, under the old name, by the successors of the original founders.

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## THE REV. HUMPHREY ALLEN.

This was a well known figure in Clifton, probably remembered by the older readers of these sketches as for many years the Vicar of Trinity Church, Hotwells, and residing in Clifton. In appearance he was very tall, slight, wearing small side whiskers on a rather grave face, and was of decidedly clerical cut.

He was amongst the Evangelical body of Clergy, with whom he was fairly popular, and being a ready speaker, although he always accompanied his addresses in the pulpit, or on platforms, with an oft repeated slight nervous cough, was frequently seen at meetings for various religious and charitable objects, where his voice was often heard. He was an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral, and being a man of agreeable manners and courteous demeanour, went a good deal into society, amongst his own set, and must have been somewhere near the allotted age of man when he passed away, to the regret of a large circle of friends, by whom he was generally esteemed and respected. The accompanying portrait gives a good idea of the subject of this slight sketch.

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## CHARLES ALLEYNE.

A man who had spent a great part of his life in a hot climate, the West Indies, and looked it.

He lived, when at home, with a large family of sons and daughters, and a somewhat delicate wife, in Litfield

Place, Clifton, and great interest was taken in the family by all the children in the district, from their being invariably accompanied by two immense negro women as nurses, and they remained in that capacity for a number of years.

Mr. Alleyne was a slightly made, grave man, with sallow complexion ; a staunch Churchman, and disposed to support any good objects in the neighbourhood, but never took any active part in Municipal or Parliamentary matters. His eldest son was in the Army, and of a sporting, lively character ; the youngest son entered the Royal Navy ; we do not remember the occupations of the others. The eldest daughter was much interested in charitable and benevolent institutions. Mr. Alleyne probably always looked older than his age, but he seemed to have attained a good age when his death took place.

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## JOSEPH ALMOND

For many years was the local representative of the Coalbrooke Dale Iron Company in Bristol, but far better known as an art connoisseur, who took keen interest in the Bristol Art Academy, and for many years an active member of its committee. He was a man rather under than over medium height, of stoutish build, with round, pleasant face, and cheerful sociable manners, but rather fussy and self important. He seemed to thoroughly enjoy attending the Graphic and Academy Exhibitions, where he met numbers of congenial friends, to whom he would dilate on the artistic treasures, and was much consulted by intending buyers of drawings and paintings. He had amassed, in a moderate way, a very interesting collection of pictures, mostly by local artists, such as Syer, Branwhite, Jackson, the Hardy's, Curnock, Muller, and others, and seemed to fairly enjoy his life and the esteem and regard of a large circle of friends, when he passed away, well over fourscore years of age.

## JOSEPH BARKER.

Being one of those men who always looked exactly the same, if one went away for 20 years, however much you might be changed when you returned, you would find "Joe Barker," as he was always called, quite unaltered since you left! Another thing about him was, you could swear he was a lawyer of the old school, for he was the very picture of one, with his grave, solemn face, closely shaved, with slight side whiskers, black frock coat and tie, dark coloured pantaloons and a silk hat. For many years he was a widower, and lived with his only son, who later was ordained and became Chaplain in some Continental city, where, writer thinks, he died at an early age, unmarried. Joseph Barker, for a great number of years, carried on a single-handed practice in Bristol, and was a well known figure in the city and district, but there was not much geniality or sociability about him, and he must have been well into the seventies at the time of his death, which was some years after that of his son.

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## THE REV. GEORGE N. BARROW,

Who was a brother of the jovial Alderman, Robert Gay Barrow, mentioned in the first series of these Sketches, was for many years Vicar of St. Nicholas, Bristol, and being an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral, was best known to the public in general as Canon Barrow.

In appearance, he was of medium height, and substantial build, with a large, full face, wearing slight whiskers on a rather solemn looking face, and was a pleasant, sociable man, who was generally popular in a large circle of friends, clerical and otherwise. He was a slow speaker, with a rich impressive voice and manner, and, like his brother, not a bad judge of good living, and it

was a pleasure to see the pair at some of the civic and other banquets, at which they so often both appeared, and when they knew tolerably well, what to " eat, drink, and avoid." The genial Canon lived a good part of his life in and about the City of Bristol, with which his family had long been associated, and was regretted by many friends and neighbours when he passed away. The accompanying portrait was taken not long before his lamented decease, at an advanced age.

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## JOHN BAYLIS.

Not much over five feet in height, and of spare wiry build, closely shorn, wearing his hair short, and passed very little of his time standing on his feet, for he was nearly always on horseback, and when he was not, was either in some kind of vehicle, sitting at his meals, or lying in bed ! In fact, he was a riding master, and proprietor of extensive livery stables in Clifton, near Litfield Place, and during his lifetime probably as well known as anyone in the place. He was such a character, as gruff as you please, not at all disposed to flatter any of his patrons, either female or male, though he had more of the former than the latter, and might often be seen with a following of twelve or more fair damsels, of divers weights and ages. John invariably dressed in a low crowned hat, small cut-away coat, vest and tie, buckskin breeches and top boots, and always carried a hunting crop with the lash on it, and had a playful way of letting this out and touching up any of the horses of the cavalcade he thought wanted waking up. He was a very decent man of his sort, and worked hard for his living, for he was at it early and late, and when he was not out with some of his pupils, he was either trying some new horse or pony, or breaking in some other to single or double harness, and although we do not remember his having any serious injury, he had many falls

and spills in the course of his rather risky life. He was twice married, his second wife, who survived him, being many years his junior.

" John," as he was always called, will be remembered by many of the older readers of these sketches, and was perhaps the last example in the district of the old class of riding and job masters, now almost as extinct as the dodo, but whose appearance, speech, and ways were intensely amusing and interesting to those who have happened to meet with them. John must have been well over 70 when he passed away, and enjoyed the regard of a large circle of pupils and patrons of both sexes and all ages.

Like so many of his class, he was not a man of many words, but usually " spoke to the point " when he said anything. When any of his pupils seemed nervous, if mounted on a rather skittish animal, he would tell them to " make much of yer 'oss," by patting its neck and soothing its excitement, and on one occasion, we remember, when a party of boys were out with him on ponies, in passing a cart one of them got an ugly rub from the wheel, John improved the occasion by telling him, " That's how young gents learns." His usual address to any of the lady pupils was " Missie," and to any of the other sex " Squire," whatever the ages of the parties. He was universally popular, and very straightforward and downright in his dealings, so much so that he was often entrusted with a lot of girls from some of the boarding schools in Clifton, with, or without, some of the Mistresses of the school, also on horseback, and looked after them all with unfailing care, though in a rough and ready sort of way. One thing is quite certain, since the break up of his establishment, although many others have arisen in his stead, none of them have quite filled his place ! He did a large business, also, in keeping horses and carriages at livery for patrons, and horsing the vehicles of those who did not care to be bothered with horses, besides letting out hunters, riding horses, ponies, and horsed vehicles of all kinds, and broke in horses to saddle and harness.

## CHARLES BEVAN.

Another of the old style of lawyer, who did a good deal of his practice in the old Bankruptcy Court at Bristol. He was quite as much a sportsman, as he was a lawyer, and was constantly to be seen on horseback, with three or four good looking Cocker spaniels with him, as he did a good deal of shooting in a quiet way, besides having an occasional look at the hounds. He lived most of his life in Clifton Wood, with his parents, his father being one of the old fashioned sort, always wearing black, with shirt frill, etc., and having silvery white hair. He married late in life, and went a good deal into society in Clifton, and was not averse to indulging in dancing, even when well over threescore. He was always spoken of as " Charlie," and was a grave looking, but genial, pleasant man, and, for many years, an active officer in the Bristol Rifles, where he attained the rank of Major, and was very popular in a large circle of friends, in and out of the profession. He carried on practice up to within a comparatively short period before his death, being associated in his later years with Charles Robert Hancock, who had been articled in Bristol, but had spent some years in New Zealand.

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## JAMES ROGER BRAMBLE

For many years practised as a solicitor in Bristol, first in partnership with the late Mr. Nalder, who, we think, emigrated to New Zealand, then with Messrs. Blackburne and Buckland, and afterwards with Messrs. Page and Thompson. He was long an active and efficient Volunteer in the Bristol Artillery Corps, and afterwards rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He took a keen interest in the Society of Antiquaries, of which he was a member for a number of years, and also in the Order of Freemasons, in which he filled most of the offices open

to Commoners, and not long before his death was elected to the post of Provincial Grand Master of the Bristol District, in place of the late W. A. F. Powell, deceased. In appearance, J. R. Bramble was of stoutish build, above medium height, wearing hair, beard, etc., of sandy hue, on a pleasant, rather florid countenance, and was an agreeable, courteous man, somewhat reserved in manner, but popular with those with whom he was on intimate terms. He was twice married, and had, we think, some family by both wives. He had retired from practice.

Since the foregoing was written, the following announcement of the death of the subject of this slight sketch has appeared in the local papers :—

DEATH OF LIEUT.-COL. BRAMBLE. — Lieut.-Colonel Bramble died at Weston-super-Mare, 2nd February, 1908. He was at one time in practice as a solicitor in Bristol, and was for many years a prominent antiquary, being connected with the local societies in Bristol and Somerset. He was also actively identified with Volunteering, and was an ex-president of the Weston-super-Mare Rifle Club. He served as a County Councillor for Somerset, and a magistrate.

At the time of his death, Lieut.-Colonel Bramble was holding high rank in Masonry. He was initiated into the Beaufort Lodge (No. 103) in 1863, and became Master in 1865. He was founder and first Master of the Lodge Agriculture (No. 1199), now meeting at Yatton, and afterwards founder of the St. Vincent Lodge Bristol, in 1872. He was appointed Deputy-Grand Master of the Province of Bristol in 1889, and also held office as Deputy-Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons, and Sub-Prior of the Province of Bristol and Gloucestershire in the Knight Templar degree. On the death of Mr. W. A. F. Powell, in February, 1906, Lieut.-Colonel Bramble was made Grand Master of the Province of Bristol, and was installed in the following June. At the time of his death

he was also Grand Master of Mark Masons and Provincial Prior of Bristol and Gloucestershire, and Grand Supt. designate of the Royal Arch Masons.

He had been in failing health for some time, and in the fortnight prior to his death became rapidly worse."

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## CHARLES BRANWHITE, R.W.S.

A man better known by his charming work, mostly in water colours (he being a senior member of the Royal Water Colour Society) of landscape scenery, than personally, as he was a somewhat shy and retiring man, who never made himself prominent in society. Specimens of his work are occasionally seen at the new Art Gallery, and are always much admired. He had quite a style of his own, and without any need to refer to catalogue or signature, his drawings could generally be identified. He was a man of above middle height, wearing his hair long, with beard and moustache, and of an artistic appearance, usually wearing easy fitting clothes, and a wide-awake hat. Slightly deaf, and somewhat taciturn and reserved in manner, he did not mix very much with his fellow men, but was all right with those he knew well. He is believed to have suffered, as a shareholder, by the stoppage of the old West of England Bank, both financially and in the worry attending that affair. He was a widower for many years before his death. The work of his son, Brooke Branwhite, is well known in Bristol art circles, he being the youngest member of a family long identified with artistic matters in the West of England.

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## HENRY BRIDGES

Was a very handsome man, slightly built, well set up, and of active temperament. He lived for many years in Caledonia Place, Clifton, and the latter part of his life in

Camp House, Clifton Down. He married Miss Coulson, and they were considered the best looking couple in the district at the time of their marriage. They had three sons, George, Strachan, and Coulson, and two daughters. He was the Bristol representative of Thomas, Daniel & Co., West India Merchants, who, at that time, carried on a large business in Colonial products.

He never took any active interest in political affairs, either Municipal or Parliamentary, and none of his child, ren were associated with him in his business, in early life- as the two eldest sons entered the Army, and the other took Holy Orders, but we think the elder sons, after their father's death, took some part in the business. His widow and all his children survived him, when he passed away at a good old age.

He was a genial, agreeable man, and was very popular in a large circle of friends, who appreciated his courteous manners, and bright pleasant personality. He was neat and precise in his dress and appearance, and up to the last, preserved his active habits and upright carriage, never looking his age or increasing in weight.

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## HENRY BRITTAN.

Essentially a commercial lawyer, and for many years enjoyed a large single-handed practice in Bristol, more particularly devoting his attention to Bankruptcy and Commercial matters. He lived in the Whiteladies Road, and had a son and two daughters ; the former married Miss Jenkins and was for some years in his father's firm and the daughters married Messrs. Sparke Evans and Alexander Somerville respectively. In appearance, Mr. Brittan was about medium height, wearing chipped side whiskers of rather a sandy hue, very smart, active, and business-like looking, somewhat grave and solemn in

manner, but a pleasant, courteous, and reliable man in every way. In his later years he took into partnership Messrs. Press and Inskip, who did much the same kind of business as his own, and passed away, at an advanced age, generally esteemed and respected by a large circle of clients and friends in the district.

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## WILLIAM BRITTAN

Was a member of the firm of Messrs. M. Brittan & Sons, and after his father's death, we think the senior.

He was a big man, both in height and build, wearing large moustache and whiskers, etc. He married Miss George, and lived for some years in Oakfield Road, Clifton. Like his brothers, he was an active Volunteer in the Bristol Rifles, where he held a Commission, but did not go in for much rifle practice, as he was a very busy man. He had a hearty, pleasant manner with him, and was very popular, both in and out of the profession, and considerable regret was felt by a large circle of friends when he passed away, quite early in life, as he had endeared himself to those who knew him by his unaffected manner and genial good nature, and his place was not easy to fill.

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## ALFRED BRITTAN

For many years before his death was the senior partner in the firm of M. Brittan & Sons, solicitors to the Bristol Gas Company, Bristol Charity Trustees, School Board, etc., and did a large general practice in the district. He married a very charming lady, and much sympathy was felt for them on the loss of their only daughter—a tall, amiable young lady just reaching womanhood. He was known by all his friends as " Alfred," and was, for many years, an active Volunteer in the Bristol Rifles, and a good

shot. In appearance, he was tall, never got stout, wore moustache and slight whiskers, rather grave in manner, but pleasant and courteous with those he knew; he was an industrious, painstaking man in his profession, and enjoyed the esteem and regard of a large number of clients and friends, when his death took place at a comparatively early age. His widow survived him, and is extensively known as a generous contributor to all good objects, especially such as concern animals—such as the Society for Preventing Cruelty to Animals and the Bristol Dogs' Home in particular.

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## DR. FREDERICK BRITTAN.

Another son of the late Meshech Brittan, who practised for many years on Richmond Hill, Clifton, where he lived with his wife and only son, George (who afterwards joined his grandfather's firm, but left Bristol for the Colonies some years since). The Doctor was an active Volunteer for some years, and a keen art connoisseur, and not a bad judge in artistic matters, and on very friendly terms with most of the local artists such as Syer, Jackson, Branwhite, the Hardy's, Curnocks, Wells, Havell, Simmonds, and others, and often visited their studios, so that he made a fair collection of the works of local artists. After the death of his first wife he married a lady much his junior, and soon afterwards left the Bristol district for North Wales, we think. He was a big man, of rather substantial build, with a large pleasant face, and genial and pleasant in manner, and very popular in a large circle of patients and friends, wherever he was known.

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## THE REV. CHARLES BRITTAN

Was, we think, the youngest son of the late Meshech Brittan, and, like the rest of his family, a big man, with

large, round, good tempered face, wearing spectacles and slight side whiskers. He was, for many years, Chaplain to H.M. gaol at Bristol, and was a particularly bright, agreeable man, who was generally popular with all who knew him, and possessed the gift of perpetual youth, as he never looked anything else but young, even when he must have long passed the meridian of life. The nature of his professional duties would not seem to promote much liveliness in those who had to perform them, but, from all outward appearance, they never had any depressing effect on the genial Chaplain, who always looked as if he was having a thoroughly good time, and enjoying his life. His wife was a bright, cheerful helpmate, as young looking as her husband, but we do not remember they had any family.

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## DR. WILLIAM BUDD.

A Devonshire man, one of a family of, we believe, nine sons, eight of whom adopted the medical profession, and the ninth, appropriately christened "Nonus," was called to the Bar, and practised for many years in Bristol as a Conveyancing Counsel. Dr. William Budd lived for many years in the Manor House, Clifton, and had a large general practice, but his great speciality was in cases of fever, on which he was consulted by patients far and near, and his writings and papers on the subject were thought highly of in the medical world.

In appearance, he was a good looking man, above middle height, rather dark in complexion, wearing thick hair and whiskers of nearly black hue, always seen with a black silk hat, but careless in the way of dress. He was rather terse in speech, and abrupt in manner, but a good-hearted man, who was very popular with a large circle of patients and friends, and general regret was felt, when owing to failing health he had to retire from active prac-

tice, at a comparatively early age. It was rumoured that he had injured his health from his constant habit of reading, while travelling on his daily rounds in his well known carriage, but we cannot say if there is any truth in this. However, his departure was greatly deplored by the profession and his many friends. He was married, and had several children, mostly daughters. All who remember Dr. William Budd will recognise the characteristic portrait of him procured for the purpose of this slight sketch.

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## EDWARD BURGES.

A younger son of the late Daniel Burges, and brother of the Daniel Burges, junr., mentioned in the first series of these sketches, both of whom were Town Clerks of Bristol. He was many years Clerk to the Improvement Committee, and carried on a large legal practice, chiefly conveyancing, in conjunction with the late William Edward Lawrence. He was of an eccentric turn of mind, and threw himself heart and soul into local and other political matters in his early life, and was always fond of horses, riding and driving, and did a good deal of hunting at one time. He lived for some years at Cleve Wood, Downend, and latterly at the Ridge, near Yate, where he died, well on in years, leaving a widow, several daughters, and one son to survive him. In appearance, he was rather above middle height, wearing hair and whiskers,etc., closely cut, had a smart alert manner, and a peculiar swinging gait in walking, so that his many friends and acquaintances would easily recognise him, and with whom he was generally popular as an amusing lively companion.

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## HENRY BUSH

For many years was engaged extensively in business in Bristol, and a well known figure, as not only was he an unusually tall man, but very big in frame, and always

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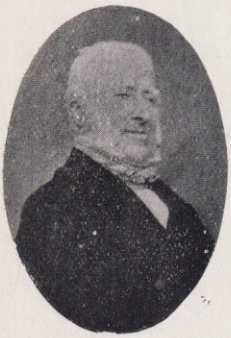

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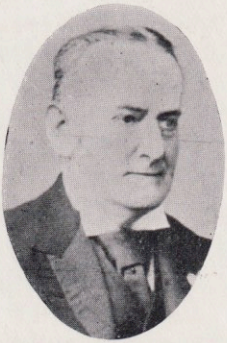

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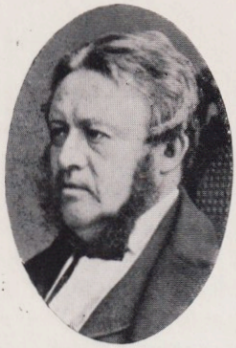

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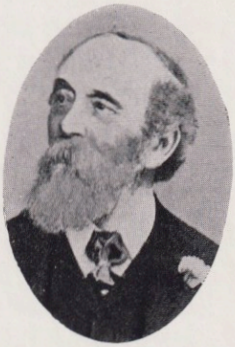

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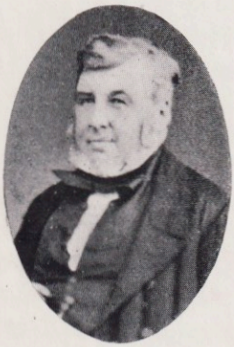

Henry Overton Wills.

William Day Wills.

wore the old-fashioned style of dress, with high collar, neckcloth, etc. He lived long at the large house, the corner one, in Litfield Place, Clifton, where he kept up a large establishment. He married Miss Hillhouse, a tall, graceful, amiable lady, and had two sons and four daughters, all remarkable for their great height, and well known in Clifton society, and keen supporters of all good objects in the district. They were all devoted to animals, and besides taking an interest in the prize poultry kept by their brother Robert, they kept a number of dogs of various breeds, with which they were always accompanied in their walks abroad. Henry Bush, a brother the writer thinks of James and Robert Rush, was a keen politician and took much interest in matters local, as well as the Parliamentary contests, from time to time, and was quite a live member of Boards and Committees on such matters in his time, where his commanding figure, powerful voice, and great influence, made him an important factor in anything going forward in the neighbourhood.

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## MAJOR HENRY STRATTON BUSH.

The younger son of the late Henry Bush, of Litfield Place, Clifton, was a fine looking man of commanding figure and presence, with rather dark complexion, hair and eyes, wearing large side whiskers and moustache. Somewhat reserved and taciturn in manner, and a man of few words, he may be said to have almost commenced and ended his career in the Army, with the Crimean War, which he entered as an Ensign, and left as a Major, with a wounded arm, which he long carried in a sling. From his martial appearance, great height, good looks, and being maimed in action, he naturally attracted much attention, and his marriage with Miss Adelaide Sadler, eldest daughter of Captain Peyton Sadler, of Clifton, who

was, perhaps, at that time, the loveliest girl in the whole district, created quite a sensation, as they made a very handsome couple. They afterwards settled in Weston-super-Mare, but there was no family, and Mrs. Bush caused much anxiety to her husband by entirely breaking down in health. The Major, who occupied a good deal of his time in fishing, did not enjoy good health, and suffered greatly on his wife's account. The writer is under the impression he did not long survive her collapse, and that he also passed away at a comparatively early age, much regretted by those who he numbered as friends and acquaintances.

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## THOMAS CANNING

Was another of those men who are always known by an abbreviation of their Christian name, and although for many years a town Councillor, Magistrate, and served the office of Mayor, in a satisfactory manner, was always known and spoken of as " Tom." He was a large man in height and build, with a closely shaved face of florid complexion, very upright in carriage, and a man of iron will and convictions, and his voice was fairly well known on the Bristol quays. For many years he was associated in business with the late James Ford, and they carried on an extensive trade as bonded warehousemen and merchants, at King Street Hall, where the sons of the latter have since been engaged in the same line. Tom Canning was rather a rough customer to trifle with, but not a bad sort amongst those he knew. We think he served as President of the Dolphin Society, and in other capacities in local matters. He married a sister of Mrs. James Fuidge, but left no family, and was a popular and well known man, in a large circle of friends, when he passed away at a fairly advanced age.

## THE RIGHT HON. SIR STEPHEN CAVE, G.C.M.G., P.C., M.P.

The eldest son of the late Daniel Cave, of Clevehill, Downend, and for many years M.P. for Shoreham. He was a slightly built man of medium height, with iron grey hair and dark eyes, wearing moustache and side whiskers. Grave and dignified in manner, but refined and courteous in bearing, and was looked upon as one of the thoroughly reliable supporters of the Unionist party. He held many and important public posts under Government, in which he acquitted himself well. We think he filled the office of President of the Dolphin Society, and was a Magistrate for the counties of Gloucester and Devon. He married Emma Jane, daughter of the late Rev. Wm. Smyth, of Elkington Hall, Lincoln, but left no family. His widow was widely known and respected for her open-handed and generous support of all good works, and her death, like that of her worthy husband, was much lamented by a large circle of relations, friends, and others, to whom she was known as a kind and sympathetic benefactress.

The Devonshire estates of Sidbury Manor passed to his brother, Sir Charles Daniel Cave, Bart., on the death of Sir Stephen, and to the same person were left the Gloucestershire estates, with a reversion of capital on the death of the widow of his deceased brother. Sir Stephen was a man somewhat reserved and retiring in manner, but of a kind and generous temperament, and was beloved and respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Failing health cut short a very promising career, as he was held in high esteem in official quarters.

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## JAMES HENRY CHUTE,

Who for many years was lessee of the theatres at Bristol and Bath, probably stood as high in the profession as any manager of provincial theatres in England, as he always

kept up a good stock company, and may be said to have brought out such stars as the sisters Kate and Ellen Terry, Madge Robertson, Marie Wilton, Henrietta Hodson, and many other ladies, who have since achieved considerable fame, besides such of the male persuasion as George and William Rignold, Arthur Wood, Fosbrooke, Henry Neville, and many more ; in fact, it was thought a great thing for a young actress or actor to get an engagement at Bristol, and a success there was looked on as a sure stepping stone to higher things. In appearance, he was a man of good height and ample proportions, with dark hair, eyes, and moustache, on an otherwise clean shaved face, a pleasant courteous manner, and upright carriage. He was for many years an active Volunteer in the Bristol Rifles, holding, we think, the rank of Colour-Sergeant in his Company, and looked well in his uniform.

He married a daughter of the great tragedian, Macready, and was himself a good actor, always making his appearance on the occasion of his annual benefit performance, in some play of the " Don Cæsar de Bazan " type. He was immensely popular with all classes in Bristol and Bath, and with scores of the profession all over the country. He had several sons, one of whom is the popular lessee and manager of the Prince's Theatre, at Bristol.

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## MYLES ARIEL CLARK.

Rather over medium height, of substantial build, fair, with a florid complexion and closely shaved face, wearing moustache only, very good looking and youthful in appearance, rather shy and reserved in manner, but pleasant and agreeable with those he knew, was the second son of the late Edward Clark, mentioned in the first series of these sketches, and married Annie, younger

daughter of the late Hugh Rockett, of Clifton, and more lately of Weston-super-Mare, by whom he had four children, one a Major in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, another who carries on his father's practice as a solicitor and Notary Public, and two daughters, the elder of whom is married. After going through nearly his full time in articles to his father's firm (Clark, Fussell & Prichard) he went out to Australia, where he was sometime engaged in sheep farming, but eventually returned to complete his legal education, and joined the late George Fisher Prideaux in practice in Bristol, with whom he carried on a lucrative business, mostly conveyancing. On the death of his partner, he practically retired from practice for some years, the business being meanwhile carried on by his cousin, Frederick Joseph Clark, whom he afterwards joined as a partner, but, at the time of his death, M. A. Clark was practising alone. He was a man of peculiar temperament, and of retiring disposition, having few intimate friends, but veiled a kind heart under a somewhat abrupt manner, and did many kind acts in an unobstrusive way. He was keen at a bargain of any kind, and not unacquainted with transactions on the Stock Exchange. A shrewd man of business, and devoted patron of the fine arts, to a moderate extent having been one of the most frequent buyers of works of art at exhibitions, auctions, and of dealers, we have had in the Bristol district for many years, and often gave commissions to such artists as Heywood, Hardy, James Webb, R. W. Leader, James Doubting, and others. Probably two of the finest pictures ever painted by the late James Webb were those presented by M. A. Clark to the new Bristol Fine Arts Gallery.

who died 4 Dec 1935 aet 63.

His somewhat sudden death from heart disease came as a great surprise to his friends, as he had not been known to be out of health during the sixty-three years of his life, and he was looked upon as an exceptionally healthy man, endowed with perpetual youth, and good for another 20 years at least.

His widow and all his children survived him, and he died where he had resided for many years, at Weston-super-Mare, to the regret of a large circle of relatives and friends.

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## WILLIAM HURLE CLARKE.

While engaged upon these sketches, the writer regrets being obliged to transfer the above from the list of Present to that of Past Bristol Worthies, owing to the report of his sudden death on November 4th, 1906. W. H. Clarke was for many years senior partner in the firm of Clarke & Sons, solicitors and Notaries Public, and Registrar of the local branch of the Probate Court, besides being the Secretary to the Bishop of Bristol, and holding other offices in connection with various societies. In appearance, he was a big stoutish man, with a full face of florid complexion, wearing a slight moustache and glasses.

He was somewhat reserved and retiring in disposition, and took no part in politics or public matters, but was an agreeable, amiable, and courteous man, of rather a studious turn of mind, generally popular with all who were brought into contact with him. He married the daughter of the late Colonel Long, of Congresbury, but had no family. He was at one time in the Bristol Rifles, but retired some years since. He died at Wanstrow, near Frome, where he was lord of the Manor, in his 69th year, and was generally regretted by a large circle of friends to whom his unassuming and amiable character had endeared him. The practice is continued by his brother, John Henry Clarke, and his nephew, William Sefton Clarke.

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## WILLIAM CLAXTON

Was exactly the sort of man like the little street Arab in *Punch*, described as being " a jolly old brick ! " He was

about medium height, stoutly built, with a round, jovial, good-tempered face of florid complexion, giving you the impression he thoroughly enjoyed his life, and what he ate agreed with him! For a great number of years he filled the position of Treasurer of the Society of Merchant Venturers, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all the members of that worthy guild.

He acted as confidential adviser and friend to any number of Masters of the Society, and was looked upon as an important factor in all their important functions. He lived at Redland, and had a family, we think, of two daughters and two sons. One of the former married, and one of the sons, Philip, we think, went abroad, the other—Donald—took Holy Orders, married Miss Kemp, of Richmond Park, Clifton, and was for some time engaged on duties in the Bristol district.

W. Claxton must have been well up in years at the time of his death, which was lamented by a large circle of friends, to whom his unassuming courtesy and many amiable qualities had greatly endeared him, and it was widely felt that we may never look upon his like again, as he belonged to a type of old-fashioned gentlemen, who are only too rare at the present time.

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## THE REV. JOHN B. CLIFFORD

For a great number of years was the Vicar of St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, and exceedingly popular in all evangelical circles, as he was an earnest, good man, and a very eloquent, telling preacher and speaker, so much so, that he was to be seen on all platforms where any religious or benevolent matters were under discussion in the district. In the present day, when short, pithy sermons are the rule, and long, theological arguments the exception, he would probably not have had such a large following, as he always gathered at St. Matthew's, for, when on a favourite topic,

he would sometimes give his audience an hour or more at a stretch! But he was a man of great ability and strong religious convictions, and never spared himself, or his congregation, when he desired to bring home some points which he considered of vital importance. In appearance, he was a man above middle height, of substantial build, without being stout, very clerical in his looks, wearing slight side whiskers, with a gentle, courteous manner, and a good voice. He was universally respected and esteemed by a large number of relations and friends, and he left a gap, difficult to fill, in the ranks of leading evangelical clergy.

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## ROBERT COLES.

A man who was educated for the legal profession, but, as far as we remember, never practised, at least during his residence at Bristol, where he lived for many years in Canynge Road, Clifton. For a long period he was the Hon. Secretary to the Clifton Zoological Gardens, and carried out his duties in a very unobtrusive manner, but to the complete satisfaction of the directors and the public. At that time the fetes and galas were much more frequent, and probably more extensive than of late years, as all the Friendly Societies, such as the Foresters, Oddfellows, Teetotallers, Druids, etc., used to hold their gatherings there, and it was no uncommon thing for from fifteen to twenty thousand visitors appearing at one of these functions, which entailed much work on the Secretary.

Robert Coles was about medium height, with a head of thick, dark hair and whiskers, dark eyes, and always dressed neatly in clothes of somewhat old-fashioned cut. He was a reserved, retiring sort of man, but very courteous and agreeable with those he knew, and very popular with all classes at the Gardens, but little known to the outside world, as he made quite a hobby of his work, and his death was generally regretted.

## REV. FLAVEL COOK, D.D.

Probably for the time he lived in the district, now many years since, there has been no one who caused more sensation in the religious world during the same period than the above-named, who will be remembered as a pleasant looking, slightly built man of medium height, with dark hair, eyes, beard and moustache, who was for some years Incumbent of Christ Church, Clifton. The sensation was caused by an action known as " Jenkins v. Cook," the ground of which was said to be that the plaintiff had publicly stated his disbelief in the existence of the devil, and had cut out, or obliterated, all mention of his Satanic Majesty from his copies of the Holy Scriptures. Dr. Cook, who was an earnest, conscientious Christian, and immensely popular both as a clergyman and in social life, considered he was not justified in receiving as a Communicant, a person who had avowed infidelity to a partial extent, and the plaintiff brought his action, which attracted much attention. Without going into the merits of the case, it may be said the ultimate result was that Dr. Cook gave up the living, and left the district, where he was one of the most able and eloquent preachers of the evangelistic clergy in the remembrance of the writer, and his departure was looked upon by his congregation as a severe loss. It is believed that both the parties to the action have since died. The accompanying portrait of Dr. Cook was taken some years before he left Clifton, and gives an excellent idea of his appearance.

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## THOMAS LANE COULSON.

Of rather a dark complexion, with dark eyes, curly hair, and wearing all round whiskers, was a handsome man of good height and appearance, and well known in the neighbourhood in the early part of the last century. He caused some sensation by marrying a lady greatly his

senior, the widow of a wealthy banker, but although during her lifetime he fairly enjoyed himself at his favourite sports, hunting, shooting, archery, etc., it was found, at her decease, she had left the bulk of her property to a nephew in Somersetshire. He consoled himself by marrying another widow, who is believed to have survived him. He was invariably spoken of as Tom, his first wife always referring to him as "Our Tom." He took little part in public life beyond, we think, being one of the Guardians of the old Clifton Union, President of the Grateful Society, and one of the Zoological Gardens Committee, but was a pleasant, genial man in company, and retained his good looks to the last, and was popular with a great number of friends in sporting and other circles. He left no issue by either of his marriages, and lived most of his life in Gloucester Row, Clifton, where he died, at an advanced age.

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## RICHARD CRIPPS

For many years carried on an extensive business as a marble merchant, but to the majority of his fellow citizens, was far better known as a particularly lively and volatile member, of a very convivial coterie, of good fellows and jolly companions, who was always to the fore when any fun was on the carpet. In appearance, he was rather under medium height, good looking, with dark hair, eyes, whiskers and moustache, on a bright, pleasant face, and was immensely popular in his own set, by whom he was invariably addressed and spoken of as "Dickie." Somewhat late in life he inherited a good deal of money, under the will of a relation of the late Sydenham Trust, and then "'Dickie' fairly made things hum!" He was a widower, with several children, and lived in the Bristol district, where he spent most of his life, and although there was not much of the veteran about him to the last he must have

been well up in years when his death took place, to the regret of a great number of cronies and friends, by whom he was much esteemed and appreciated. His accompanying portrait was taken some years before his death.

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## EDWARD CROSSMAN, M.R.C.S.

A man who for a number of years practised as a surgeon in the neighbourhood of Bristol, and enjoyed great popularity, not only for his professional skill, but from his charming personality. He was a staunch supporter of the Unionist cause, Chairman of the Hambrook Conservative Association, and a frequent and ready speaker at political and Primrose League gatherings, and often threw open his grounds for the furtherance of such objects. He married Miss Marsh, of Winterbourne, and had a large family. One of his sons now carries on his father's profession in the same district.

In appearance, he was about medium height, of slight build, with closely shaved face, dressed with scrupulous neatness in somewhat old-fashioned style, very active and lively in manner and bearing, refined and courteous in his habits, and universally a great favourite in all circles, rich and poor. His death was deeply deplored by a great number of relatives, patients, and friends, and he was accorded quite a public funeral when he passed away about the allotted age of man, and was buried at Winterbourne Down a few years since.

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## THOMAS DANGER.

Another Thomas who was never known by that name, but invariably spoken of as " Tom." He was a very tall, slight man, with a somewhat long, lean face, wearing

slight whiskers, and hair short. He practised for many years as a lawyer alone, and afterwards with Frederick Fox Cartwright, who succeeded him in the post of Clerk of the Peace for Bristol. He was a sportsman to a moderate extent, but far better known as a collector in a small way of paintings and drawings, and an art connoisseur. He was a staunch Unionist, or rather more, a Tory of the old type, and keen on politics, although, we think, he never took office in the Town Council or other public bodies. He was somewhat quiet and reserved in company, but all right when with those he knew well, and enjoyed considerable popularity with those who appreciated his straightforward intregity and many sterling qualities. He was married, one of his daughters, we think, was married to his partner, and one of his sons succeeded to his business and to his position as Clerk of the Peace for the City and County of Bristol.

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## THOMAS DANIEL

For many years was the head of the firm of Thomas Daniel & Co., who in the old days carried on a large business with the Colonies, as West India Merchants. He lived at one time in Berkeley Square, and was a well known figure in commercial circles in Bristol.

He was a man of large frame and capacious dimensions, with full face of rather florid complexion, wearing all round slight whiskers. The connection of his family and self with Bristol were long and important, and he was very popular with those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Quite of the old-fashioned type of men of business, he was much looked up to by the younger generation, and his appearance at any of their gatherings, festive or other-

wise, was always hailed with hearty greetings. He was a pleasant, courteous man, who enjoyed his life, and had a considerable number of friends in the district who regretted his death, which took place at an advanced age.

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## JOHN EXLEY.

A tall, spare man, with very stooping shoulders, wearing beard and whiskers closely clipped, who for a long time carried on a large boys' school at Cotham, near Highbury Chapel, and perhaps had under his charge at one time more of the young men of the upper middle classes, than can be said of any other Schoolmaster of a private school in later days. You would be surprised if you made inquiries to find how many of the middle-aged Bristol men of the present day passed through Exley's hands, at one time or another. He was a schoolmaster of the old school, who did not believe in sparing the rod and spoiling the child, and like Topsy's old master in Uncle Tom's Cabin, "he made the hair fly" when he was "fairly on the job." Most of his pupils speak well of him, nevertheless, as a good master, who dealt fairly with his boys, and did his best to get into them in one way or the other the rudiments of those things which would be to their advantage to learn, and he was probably as much regretted by his pupils as by a large circle of private friends when he passed away, beyond the allotted age of man. He was married, but we do not remember his having more than one son.

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## AMBROSE FOOTE

Was, we think, of Scottish origin, but spent many years in the Bristol district, where he held the responsible position of Collector of H.M. Customs, and was looked upon as a

first-rate officer, and possessed of considerable administrative abilities. In appearance, he was a remarkably handsome man, of fine physique, substantially built, very upright in carriage, downright and straightforward in word and action, a strict disciplinarian, but courteous and agreeable in public and private life, and enjoyed great popularity both in and out of his official capacity. He lived at Clifton, writer thinks in Cornwallis Crescent, but is not certain, and rode to and from Queen Square on a well-built bay cob, a good match for his owner, and on which he might often be seen taking the air on Durdham Downs out of office hours. He was a man so well set up and preserved, that it was difficult to judge his age, but he could not have been much under seventy years at the time of his death, regretted and respected by all with whom he was brought in contact, and there have been few more popular holders of his position in the ancient city of Bristol.

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## GEORGE WILLIAM FRANKLYN, M.P.

For many years was the head of the firm of Franklyn, Morgan & Davy, who carried on a large tobacco manufacturing business, which has been continued by their successors. He was a handsome man of good height and figure, wearing his curly hair rather long, and a good deal of whiskers, as was the custom in his day. He lived for many years in Clifton, and had a family of several good looking daughters, and one son, who afterwards assumed the same position in the firm, but writer thinks never took any active part in the working of the business.

G. W. Franklyn served the office of Mayor of Bristol, and afterwards entered Parliament as Member for Poole, when his appearances in Bristol were comparatively few and far between, although he was commercially connected with the old city till the day of his death, and took an interest in its welfare and some of the societies and institu-

tions belonging to it. He was a hearty, genial sort of man, who enjoyed much popularity with those who knew him, and able and energetic in the furtherance of matters in which he was interested. Things have greatly altered in the Town Council, and out of it, since the time when he filled the office of Mayor, and there is not one left in the Council of those who were his colleagues, but he is still remembered by some of the older citizens as a capable, agreeable man of courteous manners, and the announcement of his death at an advanced age was received with considerable regret by a large circle of friends scattered over a wide area.

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## CAPTAIN GARDNER,

Who for a great many years held the arduous and responsible post of Governor of the Bristol Gaol, was a fine military looking man, very tall, dignified, and good looking, wearing his hair short, with greyish beard and moustache. Writer is under the impression that the handsome monument erected in Arno's Vale Cemetery was to his only son, and that he was a widower without other children. Captain Gardner was considered an able man in his department, and to keep things under his superintendence thoroughly up-to-date, introducing many and valuable improvements and innovations in prison discipline, and quite capable of upholding the dignity of his important position. In private life, he was a courteous, sociable man, who had a considerable following of congenial friends, with whom he was very popular, and when he passed away at an advanced age, after a long term of efficient service, he was lamented as a man whose place it was not easy to adequately fill, and as a pleasant, genial companion, who enjoyed the regard and esteem of a large circle of friends. His portrait herewith will give some idea of the late Governor to those who had not the pleasure of knowing him.

## THE REV. WILLIAM WINTER GIBBON

Held the post of Minor Canon at the Bristol Cathedral for a number of years, was Curate of the Parish Church, Clifton, to the late Rev. John Hensman, and latterly, writer thinks, was Vicar of Nibley, near Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester. As may be gathered from his portrait herewith, he was a man of medium height, with dark hair, whiskers, and with a full face, very pleasant looking and genial in manner, and a great favourite with all who knew him. He was especially at home in addressing young people, and had much influence amongst them. Many a time the writer has enjoyed the pleasure of listening to his sermons and addresses, which were always both interesting and instructive, and in his time there were few of the clergy who were more popular, or more sure of a large audience, than the genial Canon, who lived in Clifton Park for many years, and often had gatherings of young people at his house.

It was comparatively late in life when he left the Bristol district for his new sphere of labour, but he was greatly missed by all his many friends and admirers, and general regret was felt when he passed away, after a somewhat long life spent in doing all the good in his power, for his fellow creatures, old and young.

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## WILLIAM GIBBS

Will be recalled as a tall, rather slightly built man, with grave face and dignified manner, who, although the head of the firm of Gibbs, Bright & Co., doing a large business from Bristol and London, and residing a good deal at his beautiful place, Tyntesfield, near Flax-Bourton, was not much seen or known out of commercial circles doing business with his firm at Bristol. But he was always ready to support any good object, and we remember being told

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Sir C. D. Cave, Bart.

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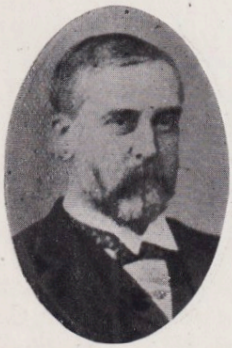

Right Hon. Lewis Fry, P.C.

Thomas Holmes Gore.

Dr. E. M. Grace.

by one of our Bristol Mayors that on one occasion he was deputed to wait upon William Gibbs in his official capacity, to solicit his support in some matter, when he hoped he might get, perhaps, fifty pounds. On his Worship's arrival in semi-state coach, etc., he was told " Mr. Gibbs was in his room, unwell, and would see no one." The next day, however, came a letter from W. Gibbs, saying how sorry he was his friend the Mayor should have been refused admission, and enclosing cheque for five hundred pounds for the charity. The Mayor did not regret the journey ! W. Gibbs was much respected and esteemed by all who knew him, and much grief was caused at news of his death. He was the sort of man you hear about, but very seldom see.

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## GEORGE GIBBS

Carried on for a great many years the business of a gun-smith in Bristol, which is still in the hands of his family, and at the time of the commencement of the Volunteer movement in 1859, he probably knew more of the manufacture and use of weapons for warfare than anyone in the Bristol district, and if writer is not mistaken, held the contract for the supply of the articles in his line required for the equipment of many of the Volunteers in the West of England. He was a grave, solemn looking man of about medium height, wearing dark beard, moustache, and spectacles, and a specialist in rifle shooting, in connection with which he won many prizes at the various corps meetings of those days, and practised much at the ranges. He also inaugurated a private range, which was greatly patronized by his customers and others desiring to perfect themselves in shooting, and we think it was eventually taken over by the Bristol Rifles for the use of the members. From his long connection with the manufacture of fire-arms, he made a constant study of shooting, and was

regarded as a high authority on the subject, and his advice was eagerly sought by intending aspirants. Anyone who saw him at work at the butts felt that, with him, it was not pastime, but a serious and important matter, to which he devoted his best energies and intelligence. He died at an advanced age, regretted by a large circle of comrades and friends, by whom he was regarded with respect and esteem.

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## ANTONY GIBBS, J.P.

The writer regrets having to notice the above " Notable Resident " in the Bristol district amongst " The Past," owing to his late somewhat sudden death from heart complaint. Antony Gibbs, who was the son of the late William Gibbs, mentioned in these Sketches, was a grave looking man, of good height and dignified appearance, pleasant and courteous in manner, and a general favourite amongst his friends and acquaintances. He married a Miss Merivale, whose father, Mr. John Merivale, held an important office in the Court of Chancery. He was a Justice of the Peace, and served as High Sheriff for the County of Somerset and Chairman of the Highway Board in an efficient manner, and was for some years in the North Somerset Yeomanry, in which he attained the rank of Major, and was President of the Conservative Association in the same Division. He was a generous, broad-minded man, and not only liberally supported all good objects in the district, but often allowed his beautiful grounds and estate at Tyntesfield, near Wraxall, to be used for political and social gatherings, at which he often put in an appearance, and was, altogether, an excellent specimen of the English country gentleman, who will be missed by a large circle of neighbours and friends, by whom he was greatly esteemed and respected. His eldest son, Major George Antony Gibbs, is the popular

Member for Bristol West, whose promising political career his father lived long enough to see commence. Antony Gibbs was in his 66th year, and left a widow and family to mourn a kind husband and good father.

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## CANON E. GIRDLESTONE

Probably is known only by name to the majority of Bristol citizens, but when he was up and doing, was well known both in his capacity as one of the Canons of Bristol Cathedral, and as an active member of the committee of the Bristol Athenæum, which, in his time, was a place where instructive lectures and entertainments were carried on, to the advantage of the community, and at which the Canon very often put in an appearance. He was of about medium height, wearing his grey hair in his own peculiar way, as will be seen by his portrait, of slight, wiry frame, and a nearly clean shaved clever face. An eloquent preacher and an able speaker, he exercised a good deal of influence, but was possibly too dignified and reserved to court popularity, but he was generally respected and esteemed, not only in the ecclesiastical circle in which he was placed by his official position, but also by a considerable number of friends and acquaintances, who appreciated him as a refined and cultured specimen of the higher ranks of the clergy, and general regret was felt when he joined the majority, at a good old age.

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## JAMES COLTHURST GODWIN

Was, we think, the eldest son of the late James Godwin, head of the firm of iron merchants, Redcliffe Street, Bristol, and, like his father, a very tall, spare man, wearing

moustache and slight whiskers, with rather a nervous, excitable manner, but pleasant and courteous in company. He was a widower, with a daughter who acted as Lady Mayoress when her father filled with much credit the office of Lord Mayor of the City of Bristol. He had been for some years in the Town Council, and took much interest in municipal affairs and other public business, besides taking an active part in the transactions of his own firm. He was generally popular with a large circle of friends for his pleasant, unassuming manners and geniality of temperament, and much sympathy was felt for his family at his sudden death when somewhere about three score years of age. He had been in the Volunteers, but we think had retired some years before his death.

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## MAJOR OLIVER GRAHAM.

A well set up, handsome man, rather over medium height, with close cut grey hair and moustache, on a round, rather florid countenance, and with dark eyes, served for many years in a Highland regiment, and married a daughter of Colonel Franklyn, formerly of Stapleton, and lived for some years at Clevedale, Downend, where he was Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Association, Hon. Secretary and afterwards Ruling Councillor of the Mangotsfield Habitation of the Primrose League. He was a bright, cheery companion, and very popular in the district with all classes, and his sudden death at the early age of 54, caused universal regret to a large circle of friends. He left a widow, but no family. His father was a Colonel in the Army, and his mother a sister of the late Lionel Oliver Bigg. Although most of his life a freeholder of property in Bristol, Major Graham was little known there, as he spent almost the whole of his time in the country, his garden being his special care.

He was very sociable and agreeable, and made an excellent chairman at the many public meetings he attended in the district, and those who have heard his rendering of the well-known hunting song, " John Peel," are not likely to forget the enthusiasm it invariably evoked. His great popularity was shown at his funeral by the attendance, and memorials, of the mourners ; and his hearty good fellowship and congenial manners were long missed in the neighbourhood where he was so much esteemed and respected.

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## CHARLES GREIG, M.R.C.S.

For a great number of years was a well known figure in Clifton, where he carried on a large general practice as a doctor.

He was a man of large frame, with a pleasant face and genial manner, wearing his hair short, and slight side whiskers. He dressed in quite an old-fashioned professional style, and looked, like he was, a family doctor of the old type, and was fond of wrapping himself in a capacious cloak, or poncho, in cold weather.

He had a great following of patients, and enjoyed much popularity from his kindly, agreeable ways and acknowledged skill. He was one of the last of the practitioners of his own particular style in Clifton, and will only be remembered by the older readers of these slight Sketches, but the excellent portrait we have been able to secure will give a very good idea of his appearance. He lived in Richmond Terrace, or near thereto, and must have approached three score years when his lamented death took place, though he was an active, busy man, who carried his years lightly.

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## HENRY GRUNING

It is so long, some 25 or 30 years, since we have seen or heard anything of the above named, that we have included him amongst the " Past Worthies," but writer will only be too pleased if it appears he is still amongst the living. He was the junior partner in the firm of Slaughter & Gruning, engineers, Bristol, but, as far as the public were concerned, far better known as the first Bandmaster of the Bristol Rifles, and it was mainly owing to his devotion to his duties and the discipline he enforced, that the band held its position as one of the finest Volunteer bands in the kingdom. In appearance, he was a well and substantially built man, of good height and commanding presence, wearing a large, full, dark beard and moustache, and was immensely popular with his men and the public in general. He was somewhat reserved and taciturn, but spoke to the purpose when he had anything to say. He had some good men under him then, and since well known in musical circles, such as Richardson, Maby, Weymouth, Webb, and others, but he was quite a " live man " and knew his work. General regret was felt when he left the district. Writer had some difficulty in obtaining his portrait.

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## CANON GUTHRIE

Writer thinks, had a long connection with Bristol Cathedral as one of its Canons, and was a handsome, well set up man of dignified, but decidedly clerical, aspect. Greatly interested in the subject of education, not so much talked about in those days as at the present time, he was an active member of the Board of Governors of the then newly established Clifton College, and was a munificent contributor to the funds, in connection with which the " Guthrie Memorial Chapel " was erected after his death.

He lived at Dorset House, Clifton Down, and was a generous supporter of all good works in the district, where his figure was often seen, and his voice heard, in furtheance of anything for the good of the community. He was a courteous, agreeable man, who was much esteemed by a large circle of friends, religious and secular, and although a well preserved man of upright bearing and slight build, who never seemed to alter much, must have been well on in years when his death took place, to the regret of the numerous friends and neighbours by whom he was universally respected and esteemed for his many charming qualities. Writer considers his portrait a good one.

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## JAMES HARDY, Junr.,

Was, for a great part of his life, known as Junior, as his father, also an artist, bore the same same. He was a good-looking man of about middle height, with dark hair, eyes, beard and moustache, rather delicate in physique, but a pleasant, amiable man, who was very popular with all who knew him. In this district it need hardly be said, he was renowned for his pictures of " Still Life," such as a group of dead game, etc., with perhaps some old pot, or copper kettle, lying together ; and also for his sporting scenes, with dogs and sportsmen, either at rest, or in action, and also for charming little bits of country life, such as nutting, blackberry picking, village greens, &c ; whatever he painted, either in oils or water colours, was sure to be pleasing and popular, and many are the delightful bits of his work to be seen in some of the houses in the Bristol district, some of which occasionally find their way into the loan collections at the Art Gallery, and are always welcome. He left Bristol many years since, and resided near London, where, no doubt, the class of work

he turned out, and he was a real hard worker, would readily find buyers, at remunerative prices, but we fear his health was not of the best, and that his promising career was all too short for his many admirers.

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## WILLIAM HATHWAY

Carried on an extensive business in Bristol as a woollen merchant, and was for many years an Alderman of the Bristol Town Council, served the office of Mayor to the satisfaction of the Council and his friends, and was President of the Grateful Society. He lived in comfortable style in a house overlooking the Downs, at Durdham Park, and had two children, a daughter, who married Captain Charles Jones, a younger brother of Captain A. M. Jones, Adjutant to the Bristol Rifles, and a son, who was a Captain in an infantry regiment. In appearance, William Hathway was a man rather over middle height, with a round, jovial face, wearing slight whiskers and curly hair, very pleasant and affable in manners, and a bright, agreeable companion, who enjoyed considerable popularity with all those who came in contact with him. He seemed to be a man of sociable habits, and one who thoroughly enjoyed his life, and to be generally in possession of capital health and spirits. He was looked upon as a shrewd business man, and devoted much of his time to the business of his firm, and the many other engagements which the nature of his public offices entailed. His death, at a fairly advanced age, though he was out and about almost to the last, occasioned general regret, in a large circle of friends, by whom he was much esteemed and respected.

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## REV. W. HAZLEDINE.

This was a well-known figure in our midst, who passed away in April, 1907, at the patriarchal age of 86 years, at his residence, The Priory, Tyndall's Park, Clifton.

He received his theological training at St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, was ordained Deacon in the Diocese of Hereford in 1852, and Priest in 1853. He remained in his first Curacy at Broseley until 1853, when he took up duty at Lendfield, Sussex, in the Diocese of Chichester, from 1854 to 1855, when he was appointed Chaplain to the East India Company in Bengal, and spent four years in India. In 1860 he returned to England, and was appointed to the Curacy of Kingsdon, Somerset, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and remained in that rural district for nine years. In 1869 he was appointed by the trustees to the living of Temple (or Holy Cross) Bristol, which he held to the time of his decease, when he was one of the senior beneficial clergy in the city. A sturdily built man, of medium height, and genial, courteous manner, he was generally popular and esteemed in a large circle of personal friends, and held in high regard by the parishioners of Temple, amongst whom he had laboured for a period closely approaching forty years.

He held moderate evangelical views, and was in touch with most of the local religious and philanthropic societies and institutions, especially Dr. White's Charity, of which he was the chairman of the Board of Governors, and unostentatiously carried out his duties as Vicar of an important parish in a conscientious and able manner.

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## ALFRED HENDERSON

Will be remembered as a solicitor of very active temperament, marked individuality, and considerable ability, who had an extensive practice, more especially in the Common Law and Bankruptcy Courts of his time. In

appearance he was above medium height, strongly built, with an earnest, clever face, and threw himself with great energy into all matters in which he was interested, whether legal, literary, or sport, and was a hard-working, painstaking man, who never spared himself, and got through an uncommon amount of work in the course of each day. He lived at Ivywell, Stoke Bishop, and left a widow, four sons and two daughters. Three of the former were educated for their father's profession, and the eldest, Charles, and the younger, Alfred, married daughters of the late John Shute, while William, the second son, married a daughter of the late James F. Fussell, and afterwards became a partner in his father-in-law's firm, and the other son is in the medical profession. The elder daughter married Henry N. Cooper, a Bristol merchant, and the younger became Mrs. Harris, her husband holding an appointment in the Civil Service. Alfred Henderson was held in high esteem in the profession and out of it, as an able, well-informed man whose opinion, on matters in his own line, was greatly valued, and his death, when only in the prime of life, was deeply deplored by a large circle of clients and friends, by whom his many good qualities and sterling character were much appreciated.

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## THE REV. JOHN HENSMAN,

For a great number of years the Vicar of Clifton Parish Church, was quite a specimen of the old-fashioned clergyman, rather under middle height, with large head and face, silver grey hair, and slight whiskers, rather square built in frame, with a deep voice, and solemn manner. He was a good and impressive speaker and preacher, with eminently evangelical views, but a pleasant, kindly and courteous man to all who came in contact with him, very slow in

speech, and taking much interest in the young people of his congregation, with whom he would often converse, and give them some sound, good advice. He was universally popular with all classes, from his unaffected piety, and many amiable qualities. He must have been close on, or over, ninety years of age at the time of his death, and he did duty at his church up to a short time before. His funeral was largely attended by a great many of his congregation and friends, to whom his long life of conscientious work and benevolence had endeared him.

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## COLONEL SIR EDWARD STOCK HILL, C.B., K.C.B, M.P.,

Was a very smart and spruce man in appearance, wearing his hair short, moustache and slight whiskers, on a round, good-natured face, and was rather above medium height, very upright in carriage, and well set up.

He was a partner in the shipbuilding firm of Hill & Sons, Bristol, and a Colonel in a Militia Regiment, but the reason he was best known in the Bristol district was his being for a number of years the Member of Parliament for Bristol South, and fighting several contested elections in which, we think, he always came out "on top." He was a good and fluent speaker, with quite a Parliamentary style and manner, and undoubtedly enjoyed a considerable measure of popularity, in which he was a good deal assisted by the untiring exertions of his daughter, Miss Mabel Hill, who was a very energetic Dame President of the Bedminster Habitation of the Primrose League, and worked up the enthusiasm in that populous quarter for all it was worth! Colonel Hill was a very genial and courteous man, not easily put out by the attacks of his opponents, and was much respected and esteemed by a great number

of his constituents and friends, so that his death, when he still looked in the prime of life, but must have exceeded three score years, was generally regretted by a very large circle.

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## JOHN HENRY HIRST, F.R.S.B.A.,

Was for many years engaged in the Bristol district as an architect and surveyor, and brought out many excellent designs at one time and another, as he was a man of a good deal of ability in his profession.

In appearance he was above medium height, stoutly built, wearing dark beard, moustache, &c., on a full face of rather florid complexion, with a grave, reserved manner.

For some years after the formation of the Bristol Artillery Corps, he acted as Hon. Bandmaster to it, and devoted much time and trouble to licking the raw material into shape. He was somewhat of a martinet in the discipline he enforced on his men, but a good musician, and not a bad sort altogether, and general regret, in a large circle of friends and comrades, was felt at his death, before the allotted age of man. He lived with his family at Avonhirst, Stoke Bishop; one of his sisters was married to Sir George William Edwards, and J. H. Hirst carried out much work in his own line for his brother-in-law, with whom he was on friendly terms; they were both rather gruff and brusque in manner, and lived near each other during the latter part of their lives.

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## HENRY HODDER.

An eccentric man, who carried on a large business as a chemist and druggist in Bristol, and was the pioneer of selling articles in his line of business at moderate prices,

for ready cash. He was very smart and alert, and worked early and late, building up a trade which has since been turned into a limited company, with branches all over the district, &c.

In appearance he was of medium height, slightly built, wearing side whiskers on a lean, solemn-looking face, and very prompt in his attention to all customers, priding himself on catering " for the people." For some years he adopted the plan of having a curious pagoda-looking vehicle, surmounted with a pestle and mortar, gaily painted and gilded, covered with abbreviated advertisements of the wares to be found at his shop in Broad Street, Bristol. On all occasions of national rejoicings or festivals, his place was always illuminated with coloured lamps. At one time the motto ran : " Hodder, the Oddest Man Alive," and his advertisements in the local papers impressed their readers to go to his place for all prescriptions and drugs, adding the words " Awake, awake to the times you live in, and go to Hodder's."

For many years he was a widower, with a grown-up family, but not long before his death he married a lady considerably his junior, and set up a stylish carriage and pair, in which, however, he never seemed so much at home as in the active interest of his business.

He died, well on in years, and his eccentric ways and sayings will long be remembered by some of his large number of friends and customers.

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## WILLIAM HENRY HOPKINS

During many years was a well-known exhibitor in the Bristol district, where he then resided, and painted a great many familiar scenes in the neighbourhood. He was a tall, big-limbed man, looking more like a country gentleman than an artist, but unaffected and agreeable in manner.

His great speciality was the painting of animals, particularly horses, and many are the charming works of his we have seen dealing with rural scenes, such as haymaking, ploughing, harrowing, &c. He did a good deal of work in the way of portraits of favourite animals for their owners. He did the most part of his work in oils, but we have seen many charming water colours. Sometimes he co-operated with other artists in the production of pictures—one we remember with the figure by Havell, the landscape by Syer, the horse by Hopkins, and the dog by Heywood Hardy, a rare combination of talents in one work. W. H. Hopkins was very popular amongst his brethren of the brush, as well as amongst art lovers in general, and much regret was felt when he left the district, but as we have never heard of his death, we don't know that he is in his proper place as one of the Worthies of the Past, and we hope he is still living and turning out some of the reminiscences of the country which gave so much pleasure to his admirers in the past.

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## WILLIAM PAUL HUDDEN.

One of those men who commence life with an abbreviation of their Christian name, and never get over it, so that, for the whole of his life, he was invariably spoken of as "Bill." He was a man of good height, fair, usually closely shaved, and with a round, good-tempered face, and ruddy complexion, and was active and youthful in manner and appearance, walking jauntily along, with his hat just a little cocked on one side, he looked just the picture of what he was, a pleasant, affable, unaffected, good fellow, universally popular with a large circle of friends. In the latter years of his life, although head of the firm in which he had long been a junior partner, he found time to take a leading part in municipal and parlia-

mentary politics, and was the chairman of his district. He married Miss Press, of Norwich, a charming and fascinating lady, by whom he had several children, two of whom succeeded to the business of their father, as tobacco merchants and manufacturers. His death, at a comparatively early age, caused widespread regret amongst his relations and friends, by whom he was much esteemed.

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**JAMES CLAYFIELD IRELAND, D.L., M.A., J.P.,**

Was a well-known man in the district, where he did a lot of good and useful work as a Magistrate, and at the Keynsham Union, of which he was the chairman for many years.

Although by profession a barrister, he did not, in writer's remembrance, practice, but devoted the greater part of his time to the service of the public in various ways. He was looked upon by his colleagues and friends as a man of great individuality and ability, and was another instance of those who get through much unpaid work for the benefit of the community at large. In appearance he was above middle height, sturdily built, with marked features on a nearly close shaven face, with dark hair and eyes, and was rather reserved and grave in manner, with an expression about his mouth and chin conveying the idea of great determination and firmness of character, which probably stood him in good stead in the responsible positions he filled so long and with such marked ability. He died before old age had made much appearance in him, and was sincerely lamented not only by his colleagues, but by a large circle of friends and neighbours, by whom he was held in high esteem and regard.

## JOHN AVERAY JONES.

A well-known man in Bristol in his day as the senior partner in the firm of Jones & Nash, doing an extensive business in the timber trade. In appearance he was a rather slightly-built, lean-visaged man, wearing his hair short, and slight beard and moustache, of active habits and pleasant, sociable disposition. He married Miss Podmore Clark, and lived with his family of daughters, and we think but one son, in Pembroke Road, Clifton. He served the office of Mayor and President of the Grateful Society in a creditable manner, and was also Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers. He was looked upon as a shrewd and capable man of business, and a sociable, agreeable companion, who was generally popular in a large circle of relations and friends, and much regret was felt at his death when fairly on in years, although there was little of the old man about him to the last.

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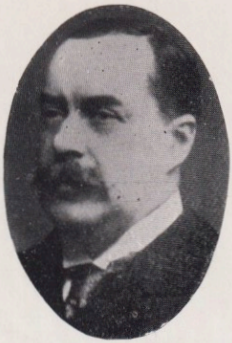
## RICHARD POOLE KING

Who for many years carried on a large business as an African merchant, in partnership with his brother William, was a fine-looking man of commanding figure and appearance. He lived at Brislington, and had, we think, but one daughter, who married the popular Alderman Francis F. Fox. R. P. King was long connected with public affairs in the city of Bristol, where he was greatly esteemed and respected. He ably filled the position of Mayor, and was a good speaker, who was always listened to with respect. The business of his firm was an extensive one, and many ships were employed in its prosecution, probably more than by any others at that time, when the march of education had not largely reached the distant shores of Africa. R. P. King was one who took an active interest



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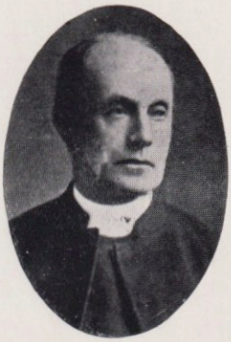

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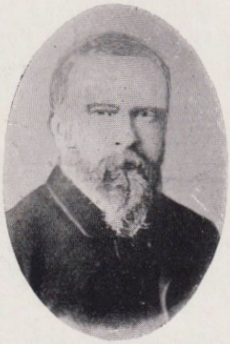

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in all matters relating to the commercial and social welfare of the city of Bristol, and was always ready to support with his patronage and financial aid, any good objects brought before him. During the latter part of his life he did not enjoy the best of health, but he must have been well on to the allotted age of man when he passed away, amid the sincere grief of a very large number of colleagues and friends, to whom his sterling character, courteous bearing, and amiable disposition had endeared him.

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## WILLIAM POOLE KING

We think, was a younger brother of Richard Poole King, and his partner in the African trade, so long carried on from Bristol, and which we think is still in the hands of their family. W. P. King was a large man, both in height and build, very bald, wearing sandy hair, beard, &c., and lived for many years in Rodney Place, afterwards, to his death, at Avonside, Clifton Down. He married Miss Kesterman, and had a family of several sons and two daughters. His eldest son, Arthur, was in the army, and married Miss Julia Woodland; his second son, Mervyn K. Poole King, married Miss Bright, and we think, with his brother Edward, has continued the business of their father's firm. One of the younger brothers took Holy Orders. W. P. King was a man who always devoted himself a good deal to literature, and was looked upon as well read and informed, and a good speaker, often being heard in the Town Council, of which he was long an active member, as well as in discussions at some of the Literary Societies which flourished at that time in the district. For some time before his death he was not in good health, and withdrew from almost all public life, but he was

regarded as a kind-hearted, hospitable, and straightforward man of ability and worth, and much regret was felt, in a large circle of friends, when his death at an advanced age, took place. His widow survived him.

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## ARTHUR JOHN KNAPP

For many years practised as a solicitor in Bristol, being connected with the old-established firm of Osborne, Ward & Co., and writer regrets he is not able to furnish a portrait of his subject, as he was quite uncommon in appearance, being a tall, slightly-built man, closely shaved, with florid complexion, and a long, solemn visage, wearing high collars and neckcloth, and often a coat of bottle green colour, wlth gilt buttons, flowered vest, and tight-fitting pantaloons, in fact, just the style of dress you see in the early copies of Dickens' works. He married a tall, elegant lady, a cousin of Thomas Haynes Bayly, the poet, and they lived in Clifton. He was rather of a literary turn of mind, and brought out several articles and one or two books on abstruse subjects, and was of a grave, sedate temperament, but courteous, cultured, and agreeable in society, and both he and his wife were popular amongst their friends, though neither of them cared much for public life. He was one of those men who all his life looked older than his age, and therefore never changed as age came on, but he must have been well on to three score years and ten when he passed away, to the regret of a large circle of friends, by whom he was regarded with considerable respect, the more so as he was one of the last in the Bristol district of his own particular style, and a relic of olden times.

## GEORGE LANE,

Who, for the whole of his business life, was associated with the firm of Lindrea & Co., Ltd., and a nephew of its late senior partner, was a man of great business capacity, industrious, energetic, and led a strenuous life. He married Miss Mary Greenway, of Winterbourne, and lived for some years before his death at Stoke Bishop with his family of three sons and one daughter. Before that he had lived for many years in the Parish of Mangotsfield, where he was one of the churchwardens, and Chairman of the Parish Council, besides acting as Honorary Superintendent of the Downend Sunday School. In the last few years of his life he suffered much from ill-health, and had to withdraw from all his engagements, and passed away when under three score years of age, to the great grief of his family and many friends, who attended in great numbers on the occasion of his funeral at Stoke Bishop. He was most modest and unassuming in manner, and bearing, courteous, and obliging to all, and immensely popular wherever he was known.

In appearance he was rather under middle height, wearing his fair hair short, with slight beard and moustache on a frank, pleasant face, of pale complexion, was a kind-hearted man, and generous supporter of all good objects in the district, and has been greatly missed in a large circle of friends, by whom his many amiable and sterling qualities were highly appreciated. Since the foregoing slight sketch was written, the death has been announced of the widow, formerly Miss Mary Greenway, rather suddenly, of heart disease, in her 59th year, at Hurle Crescent, Clifton, where she had lately removed, having sold Stoke Bank since her husband's death. Mrs. George Lane had been in failing health for some months, and, it was thought, she had never fully recovered from the shock of her husband's death, having felt his loss acutely. Harry, the eldest son, is married, and living at Kettering, in Northamptonshire, where he is in business ; Thomas,

second son, married lately Miss Thorne, of Clifton, and at present is living at Weston-super-Mare ; the only daughter is married to a Bath solicitor ; and Stafford, the youngest son, is unmarried, and does not enjoy the best of health, which has prevented his taking an active part in business for some time past. Mrs. Lane was buried at Stoke Bishop, 12th August last, her funeral being attended by many relations and friends, by whom she was greatly esteemed as an unaffected, kind-hearted friend and neighbour.

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## ROBERT LANG.

All the readers of these sketches who remember Robert Lang will agree with the writer that any list of Bristol Worthies who have lived during the last half century, would be incomplete without his being mentioned, for as long as he lived he took a keen interest in his native city, and all connected with it. In appearance he was of about medium height, with a pleasant face, wearing a wig in his later years, and slight side whiskers, and most agreeable and courteous in his manner. He was practically the head of the firm of Thomas Lang & Co., iron merchants, unmarried, a cultured, well read man, and quite an enthusiast in artistic matters. At a time when the Bristol Academy of Fine Arts was at a low ebb, he made a handsome presentation from his collection of a number of valuable and representative specimens, mostly, or entirely, the work of Bristol artists, and was at all times the patron and generous supporter of anything which he thought worthy of help in the district, and, even after he left the neighbourhood, kept up his interest in it, and letters often appeared from him when anything attracted his attention concerning it.

It need hardly be said that such a man was universally

esteemed and respected, and that his departure from Bristol, with which he had been so long connected, was much deplored, as he was one of those genial, amiable men whom it is always a pleasure to meet, and who are never better pleased than when they are saying a kind word, or doing a friendly act, for some of their fellow creatures.

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## JOSEPH HAYTHORNE LATCHAM

Was a man better known to the public at large than to the legal profession in particular, as for a great part of his life he acted as Clerk to the Magistrates at the Lawford's Gate Petty Sessions, and may be said to have died in harness, as he had not retired from his position, in which he had held office over 50 years. He was a large man, of substantial proportions, wearing a profusion of iron grey hair and whiskers, on a pleasant, kindly face, and had most agreeable, genial manners, so that he was universally popular, not only with the bench of Magistrates, and the Court officials, but with all who had to do with him ; he lived at Heathlands, Leigh Woods, and was buried in the family vault at Horfield, aged 79 ; and a large gathering of relatives and friends attended his funeral in November, 1906, to testify to the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held by those who knew him.

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## NATHANIEL LEIGH, V.S.

Perhaps, in his day and generation, as well and generally known, " as a Vet," as any one practising that profession, in the neighbourhood of Bristol, and universally called " Nat," he was to be seen every day, but especially

on Fair and Market Days, in a smart gig, with a neat cob or pony. For some years before his death he drove a very handsome little dappled grey cob pony, for which the writer is under the impression that Nat told him he had refused an offer of £100, a very large sum for such an animal in those days! "Nat" was a man under middle height, wearing closely-cropped iron grey hair, on a face almost all shaved, but with very slight whiskers, and had a pleasant, but certainly sporting, manner with him. He was very popular with all classes, and though he always looked exactly the same, must have been well on in years when he died, we think at Southmead, Westbury, where his son, Frank W. Leigh, F.R.C.V.S., succeeded to his practice, and has probably greatly extended its limits, with the advantages he has possessed of a training at the Royal Veterinary College, and the large area now open for the practice of his professional skill.

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## ADOLPH LEIPNER.

Whether he was a Naturalized Englishman or not writer does not know, but at any rate he was for many years a well-known figure in Bristol, and resided near the Whiteladies Road, Clifton, where he was engaged in tuition, devoting himself mainly to botanical research, and was often to be seen with a considerable following of young people, mostly of the fair sex, making excursions into rural parts of the district seeking for examples of the flora, on which he would hold forth and give much useful and interesting information to his young companions. In appearance he was a man of about middle height and sturdy build, wearing glasses, and a large brown beard, moustache, &c., and was a genial, pleasant man of very active habits and amiable temperament. He was exceedingly popular, both as a companion and teacher, lived a

very busy life, and although time dealt leniently with him, and he altered very slightly as years rolled by, he must have been near to, or over, the allotted age of man when his death took place, to the sincere grief of his numerous pupils and friends, by whom his unaffected demeanour and love of his work had endeared him during the many years he devoted to study, and expounding some of the beauties and wonders of Nature, in which he took such a keen interest.

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## JAMES HENRY LOCKLEY

Passed away while these sketches were being prepared, but, although he had for some years ceased to reside in the Bristol district, will be remembered by many citizens as a recent instance of a " self-made man," as in the hearing of the writer J. H. Lockley declared himself to be. In appearance he was of commanding height and build, wearing his grey hair short, with slight side whiskers, on a full-sized, grave face of rather pale complexion. Dogged perseverance and industry, combined with high principles, enabled him to amass substantial means, and to rise to the position of Chairman of the Bristol United Breweries Co., Ltd., and to hold the office of Sheriff of his native city for two years. He held other offices of a minor character, and in all of them acquitted himself so well that he gained the regard and respect of a numerous body of colleagues and friends, by whom the recent news of his death, at the age of 74, was received with considerable regret, as that of a highly respectable man, who had raised himself, by his own exertions and merits, to the positions he held amongst his fellow men, and was quite unaffected and unassuming in character. He was buried at Redland Green, when a very large attendance of the colleagues and friends of the deceased assembled to show their respect

and esteem. The following notice appeared in one of the local papers at the time of his death :—

" We much regret to record the death, at an advanced age, of Mr. James Henry Lockley, formerly of Bristol, who passed away on Monday night after a long illness at Heabe House, Bideford, Devon, where he had lived in retirement for many years.

" Mr. Lockley was a native of Bristol, and spent the main portion of his life here. In his early years he was a licensed victualler, and founded Lockley's Brewery in Rupert Street, with which other local breweries were amalgamated about 15 years ago. The new company was named the Bristol United Breweries Company, Ltd., and Mr. Lockley was one of its directors. He took a prominent part in public life, and won the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

" Mr. Lockley was one of the councillors for the St. James Ward from 1881 to 1890, and served the office of Sheriff in 1888 and 1889. For a number of years he was vice-chairman and then chairman of the Sanitary Committee. He was a member of the Church Commission in 1890, and was president of the Grateful Society in 1892. For a considerable period the deceased gentleman was a member of the Incorporation of the Borough, a Governor of the Bristol General Hospital, and a life member of the committee of the Bristol Asylum for the Blind. Whilst in Bristol he was a generous supporter of city charities, and during his retirement at Bideford the local hospital and other organisations have benefited by his generosity."

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## CHARLES HOSKINS LOW.

A well-known figure in Bristol and Clifton, was an active member of the firm of Taylor & Low Brothers, timber merchants, but was perhaps quite as well known

to the public at large as a Town Councillor and Chairman of the Bristol Docks Committee. He was of about medium height, of square build, very fair in complexion, wearing moustache and whiskers of yellowish colour, on a round, pleasant face. For some years he was an active Volunteer in the Bristol Rifles, and was generally popular with all who knew him, as he was a sociable, courteous man, with no "side" about him, and was regarded as a shrewd business man in commercial circles. At one time he lived at Downend, but, we think, for many years before his death, at a comparatively early age, when he showed but little traces of advancing years, he had resided in the neighbourhood of Clifton. He was married, and had several children, but we are not sure he had any sons in his business, which since the death of the senior partner, the late Henry Taylor, had been carried on by his brother and self. He was essentially a busy man, and divided his time between his own affairs and his public engagements. His death caused general regret, as he was greatly esteemed and respected by a number of friends.

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## GEORGE W. LUCAS

For very many years carried on business in Bristol as a stockbroker, and was also the chief agent of a leading insurance company. He was married, and lived with his family, one of the sons of which still continues his father's business, at Clifton. In the early days of the foundation of the Bristol Rifles, he took an active part in the work, but had retired some years before his death.

In appearance he was of medium height, rather slight in figure, wearing his hair short, and a moustache, but otherwise nearly clean shaved, and always had an alert, youthful manner, which made him very popular with the younger generation, as well as with others of his own age.

In these days he might be looked upon as old-fashioned in his methods and views, but he was invariably regarded as a safe man, and all who consulted him felt he would not give an opinion on a matter submitted to him without being assured of its being correct, as far as could be ascertained, and would never advise investments of a risky and speculative character for the sake of the increased commission to be earned. This was the cause that his death was deplored by a great many people, who put implicit trust in him, and realized the loss of a straightforward, honourable man, who enjoyed the esteem and regard of all who knew him. He never looked it, but must have been near to the allotted age of man when he passed away.

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## DR. GILBERT LYON

Was a well-known personality in Clifton society for many years, where he had an extensive practice, and lived at the end of Lansdown Place; he was a tall, slight man of refined appearance, always dressed in black, with white necktie, which gave him rather a clerical look. His yellow chariot and pair, always accompanied by a Dalmatian dog, was well-known in the district, where its owner was very popular in a large circle for his courtesy, urbanity, and many good qualities, in addition to his professional skill. He was, we think, a widower for some years before his death, at a fairly advanced age, and had three sons, Gilbert, James and David. The two first-named took Holy Orders in the Church of England, and the last, we think, died early in life. We are under the impression there were also two daughters. Dr. Lyon was a contemporary of Dr. John A. Symonds, and probably came second only to him in the extent of his practice at the time they were both leading physicians in the Bristol district.

## JOHN LYSAGHT, J.P.

Mr. John Lysaght was the third son of Mr. William Lysaght, of Hazlewood, near Mallow, in County Cork, and inherited part of his father's property at Newmarket, in the same County. He was born in the year 1832, was educated in England, and adopted the profession of Civil Engineer. He, however, did not practise in his profession, as the greater opportunities of enterprise offered by a business career attracted him. After spending a short time with the firm of Messrs. Morewood, of Birmingham, pioneers in the galvanized iron trade, he opened a small works at Temple Backs, Bristol, in the year 1857. The development of our Colonies was commencing at this time, and Mr. Lysaght was quick to perceive the value of these markets for the export of sheet iron, and before long established agencies in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. A few years later the increase in the business necessitated a move to larger premises, and the old engine works of Messrs. Acreman & Morgan, of St. Philip's, were bought for this purpose. The next step was the establishment of rolling mills, and the Swan Garden Iron Works in Wolverhampton, and subsequently the Osier Bed Iron Works in the same town, were acquired. In the meantime, constructional iron and bridge building and wire netting departments were added to the main industry, until at the time of Mr. Lysaght's death, in 1895, the business had become one of the largest and most important iron industries in the country. Mr. Lysaght owed his success to his ability for organisation, his enterprise, and to large and courageous views, coupled with sound judgment, which prompted him to take advantage of opportunities without hesitating, but which never induced him to rash ventures. He had a marked personality, which gave him a capacity for leadership, and was also a man of much social charm. Though an Irisman, his chief interests lay in the city of his adoption, and in the establishment and development of his business he must be

numbered amongst those citizens who in recent years have done most for the welfare of Bristol. In politics he was a Conservative, and was founder of the Bristol Working Men's Conservative Club and the Constitutional Club. He was J.P. for the City of Bristol, and in November, 1882, was elected High Sheriff of the city. His favourite recreation was yachting, and he was a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron. Mr. Lysaght was married in 1854 to Ellen, daughter of Lieutenant Sidney Moss, R.N. He left a family, Mr. Gerald Lysaght, his second surviving son, being the present chairman of the company.

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## WILLIAM MABY,

Who passed away, a few years since, in his 89th year, was probably the oldest practical musician living in the West of England, he was not only a good performer on several instruments, but engaged in the manufacture of pianofortes, and had a large tuning connection, over an extensive area, where his visits were always welcome, as he was a well-informed, intelligent, agreeable man, and had seen something of life, since he had the honour of playing before our late Queen, so long ago as 1830, when, as a Princess, she was staying in Clifton with Her Majesty's mother, the late Duchess of Kent. In appearance he was of about medium height, of slight build, very active and lively, always looking 20 years under his age, hair worn in military style, closely shorn face, with a heavy moustache. For many years he was Bugle-Major in the band of the Bristol Rifles. If we remember rightly, he told the writer he had five sons, several grandsons, and a cousin, in the army, and his father and two of his brothers took part in the Battle of Waterloo! The last most important public appearance of W. Maby was when, in November, 1899, he played in the band of the Bristol Rifles, when the late

Queen stopped at the Council House to knight the Lord Mayor on the occasion of Her Majesty's special visit to open the Convalescent Home on Durdham Downs, inaugurated to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, and when W. Maby was led forward and presented to his Sovereign.

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## HENRY WILLIAM MARSH

For all the latter part of his life was the secretary of the Conservative Association of the Thornbury Division of the County of Gloucester, and acted as election agent for the Hon. John Plunkett, M.P., Lord Dunsany, and Colonel Edward Colston, M.P., respectively, and although he has had several successors to both offices, in the opinion of many he has had no superior. In appearance he may be described as a fine, handsome man, fair, with slight side whiskers and moustache, very soldierlike and upright in bearing, and manly and straightforward in disposition. Immensely popular with all classes, a strict disciplinarian, excellent organizer, firm in his opinions, but courteous and able in their expression, a good judge of human nature, and quite unaffected, he exercised a great deal of influence over a wide area, in a quiet way, and proved himself again and again, equal to getting through a great amount of laborious work, in a large and scattered Division, without any fuss or confusion. He was one of the lay Rectors of the Parish of Mangotsfield, and a landowner in other parts of the County of Gloucester, where he had resided for a great part of his life. He was married, with a family of several children, and lived for many years in the Parish of Winterbourne, where he farmed some of his own land, and took an interest in the breeding of horses, &c. His death, while still in the prime of life, was regarded as a great loss

to the community in which he lived, and where he was universally respected and esteemed. His sister was the wife of the popular Dr. Edward Crossman, late of Hambrook.

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## SIR WILLIAM MILES, Bart., M.P.,

Perhaps, taken altogether, was one of the most representative men in the West of England in his day, as not only was he connected with commerce in various ways, but took an interest generally in anything going on in connection with agriculture, magisterial and county work, and held a leading position in the North Somerset Yeomanry. Like many other members of his family, he was a man of substantial build, with a hearty, pleasant manner, which made him generally popular with all classes, being a good deal of the type of the fine old English gentlemen we used to hear of in song, but are now not so often seen in real life. He was in Parliament for many years, and when at home lived at Leigh Court, near Bristol, which was at that time much more isolated than it has since become by the development of the Leigh Woods land. After a long life, and a very active one in many ways, he was succeeded by his eldest son Philip, who was far better known in Town than he was in Bristol, and on his death at a comparatively early age, his son came into the title and property, which he held but a few years, and writer thinks, was succeeded by his uncle, Sir Henry, a younger son of Sir William, who has taken a more active interest in public business in the County than the last two holders of the title ever did. The accompanying portrait was taken some years before the death of Sir William, at a good old age, when he was sincerely mourned by a large number of neighbours, friends, and tenants.

## JOHN WILLIAM MILES,

A younger brother of Sir William, who lived most of his life at Kingsweston, and was one of the active partners in the banking firm carried on for many years in Corn Street, Bristol, as Miles, Miles, Harford, Savile & Miles, and latterly as Sir William Miles, Bart., & Co., but who looked much more like what he really was, a country gentleman farming his own estate. In appearance he was above medium height, with dark hair and slight whiskers, and had a frank, pleasant manner, which made him a general favourite with those who knew him.

He was not a man who cared much for public life in general, but was fond of sport to a moderate extent, and did some hunting and shooting. Writer thinks he served the office of Sheriff for Bristol, and was persuaded to stand as a candidate for Bristol in Parliament, when he was returned by a substantial majority, although afterwards unseated on petition on some technicality, not through any fault on his part, and he did not stand again. Altogether, he was a genial, straightforward man, who was much esteemed and respected wherever he was known, and his death in the prime of life caused widespread regret amongst his friends.

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## GEORGE MILLER,

Who for many years took an active part in the business carried on as " Visger & Miller," and had much to do with the Cape de Verde Islands, was one of the handsomest men of a good-looking family, a big man in height and weight, wearing slight side whiskers only, on a frank, pleasant-looking face.

Owing to losing his voice at a comparatively early age, he always spoke in a whisper, but was genial and courteous to all, and very popular wherever he was known. He lived

with his family at Brentry, near the pretty village of Henbury, Gloucestershire. When the Volunteer movement started, he took a keen interest in it, and joined the ranks as a private in the Bristol Rifles, being probably at that time one of the richest men in the Corps, but declined taking any commission, though the name of "Private Miller" was well-known throughout the land as one of the best rifle shots in the country, and winner of numerous prizes at the butts. He was quite unaffected and unassuming in manner, and much respected and esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and his death, when he had all the appearance of vigorous health about him, was a great shock to all who had learned to appreciate his many good qualities and straightforward sterling character.

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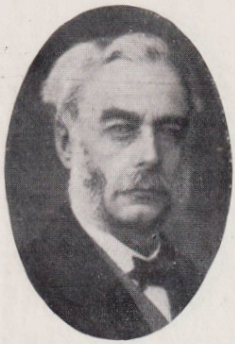
## ALFRED MILLER

Was one of the younger members of the Miller family, and, like most of them, a man of big frame and commanding presence, wearing a large beard, moustache, &c., of sandy hue, and fair hair. For a great number of years he ably filled the onerous position of Clerk to the Bristol Charity Trustees, and held a commission in the Bristol Rifles from the time of the commencement of the Volunteer movement in 1859. He was a general favourite with all his many friends, being sociable, courteous, and hearty in manner, and well versed in the duties of his office, which brought him into contact with all sorts and conditions of men.

He was married, but writer does not remember his having any family, and, in the latter years of his life, was in failing health, but his death, at a comparatively early age, when there was nothing of the veteran in his appearance, was much lamented by his numerous colleagues and friends, by whom he was greatly esteemed and respected as an amiable, agreeable man, with no "side" about him.



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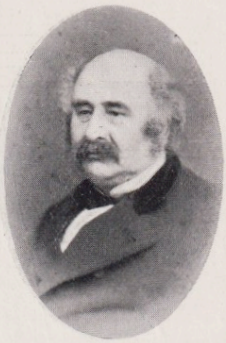

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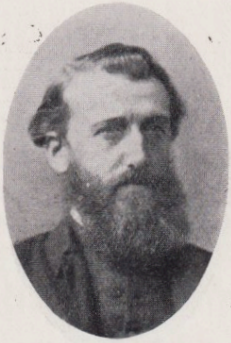

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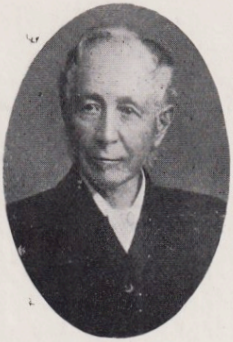

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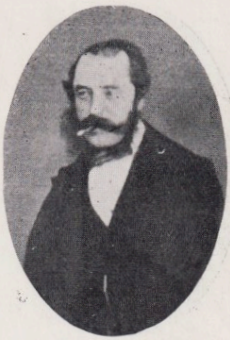

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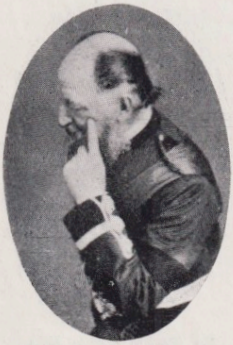

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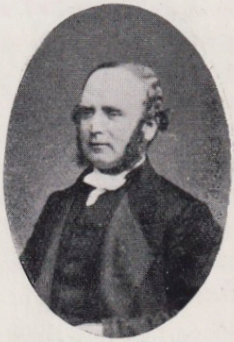

Rev. W. W. Gibbon

## SAMUEL MORLEY, M.P.

One of those men who would be best described as being eminently respectable. Engaged extensively in a branch of the drapery trade, he amassed considerable means, and was a generous supporter of many charitable undertakings, more especially those connected with Nonconformists, of which body he was a live and active member, and, on one occasion, is said to have made a tour, with the late Henry Overton Wills, throughout a large district, so as to see for themselves, by personal inspection, what the real requirements were. In appearance he was about medium height, with grey curly hair and slight whiskers, on a bright, intelligent face, and with a grave, but courteous, manner, usually wearing silk hat, black frock coat, &c. For a number of years he represented Bristol as one of its Members of Parliament, was a fluent and ready speaker, and a man generally held in esteem and regard by those who knew him. A capital statue of S. Morley, M.P., was erected by some of his friends, and stands near St. Nicholas Street, Bristol. He was married, and left a family of children.

+ moved to Horsefair for traffic reasons

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## REV. GEORGE MÜLLER.

Such ample details about this real "Bristol Worthy" and his life work have been already published in the district, that very little will suffice on this occasion, but the writer feels he could not leave out all mention of so notable a man.

George Müller was born at Kroppenstaedt, Prussia, on 27th September, 1805, where his father held some minor appointment under Government. For the first twenty years of his life, George Müller was no better, perhaps, from his own account, rather worse, than other young men, but then a great change came over him, and he began

to see the folly of his former life. Owing to difficulties in obtaining immunity from the military service, to which all Germans are subject, it was not until 3rd February, 1829, that he obtained a passport and visited London for the first time, to take up an appointment in a religious society, but was taken so ill that he had to go into Devon for a change. About the year 1830, George Müller, who had taken charge of a chapel at Teignmouth, determined to take a regular salary no longer, but to rely on the voluntary contributions of his friends for his support, although he had by this time acquired the responsibility of a wife, and from that time until his death at a great age, never appealed to any human being for help, either for himself, or for the extensive charitable operations which he so successfully carried out for the benefit of thousands of orphans of both sexes. While at Teignmouth he made the acquaintance of Henry Craik, and they were afterwards associated at Bristol, where Henry Craik went first, and induced George Müller to come there to help him in his work. As, for many reasons, they did not approve of the various religious societies, they determined to act on their own account, and accordingly, in March, 1834, started the Scriptural Knowledge Institution for Home and Abroad. For some time George Müller had it in his mind to do something for the orphans all over the kingdom many of them in very straitened circumstances, and in December, 1835, called a public meeting at Bristol to discuss the matter. Before the meeting, George Müller earnestly prayed " for suitable premises and persons for the work, and £1,000 for the necessary funds," and within a twelve months from that time, suitable premises in Wilson Street, St. Paul's, Bristol, and persons for the care of the orphans, had been secured, as well as more than the amount asked for, and 96 orphans actually under his care. Various and serious vicissitudes were experienced, the funds frequently being at the lowest ebb, but George Müller's faith never wavered, and help was always forthcoming. At about this time he paid one or two short

visits to Stuttgardt, in Germany, to which place he considered he had a call, and his ministry there bore very encouraging results.

In June, 1849, the first of the new Orphan Houses at Ashley Down, to accommodate about 300 boys, girls, and infants, and which had been designed, built, and organized free from debt, was opened, and very soon afterwards it was borne in upon George Müller that more room was needed for the orphans, whose applications came in daily from all parts of the kingdom, although there was seldom any surplus capital in hand, and the money had come in by sums from one farthing to two thousand pounds at a time! So the work went on, with Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 Orphan Houses, none of which were put in hand until the necessary funds had been actually received, and no public appeals being made for the purpose, but although often down to the very lowest fraction, the orphans were never without a sufficient meal.

On 12th November, 1857, seven years after the opening of Orphan House No. 1, the opening took place of No. 2; Orphan House No. 3 was opened on 12th March, 1862, and was of larger size than those previously built, being for 450 orphans. On 5th November, 1868, Orphan House No. 4 was opened, and on 9th January, 1870, No. 5 was also inaugurated, these two houses having been erected at a total cost of £58,000! Shortly after this event George Müller suffered one of the great sorrows of his life in the death of his wife, formerly a Miss Groves, to whom he had been married more than 39 years, and who had proved a valuable helpmate to him in his many anxieties and difficulties. Four years after the death of Mrs. Müller, Henry Craik, who had so long been associated with George Müller, passed away, and was lamented as a good and worthy man who had done much excellent work in connection with the Orphan Houses and otherwise.

In his private concerns, George Müller went through quite as many difficulties, from want of means, as in his philanthropic work, but his faith in Divine Providence

never wavered, and he was never disappointed! He was about 70 years of age when he took up his missionary journeyings, and continued them till his 87th year, having laboured almost exclusively in Bristol for 43 years. During these times he visited most of the towns in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Canada, and the United States of America, which latter place he went to three times.

In appearance George Müller was tall, with a slight figure, wearing short all-round whiskers and beard, grave and solemn looking, but courteous and composed in manner, very upright in bearing. He was beloved and respected universally by all classes, and his death at the great age of 90 was much lamented by thousands of people throughout the world. His only daughter was married to Mr. Wright, long his assistant in his benevolent work, and who has since continued it.

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## CHARLES NASH, J.P.,

Was for a number of years engaged in the timber trade in Bristol, being junior partner in the firm of Jones & Nash. He was a staunch Churchman, and a liberal supporter of all matters connected with Church affairs. He was said to be hard hit by his support of some of the local railways, which, in his later years, rather put a limit on his natural readiness to give a helping hand where it was required. He was long a Town Councillor, and also an Alderman for Bristol, and an able and frequent speaker at their meetings. He married Miss Wilson, and lived with his family most of his life in Clifton, where his death, well on in years, caused general regret, as he was respected and esteemed by a large number of friends for his many amiable qualities and strict integrity. In appearance he was rather a

slightly built man, with sharp cut features, wearing beard and moustache, and always neatly but plainly dressed.

It is much to be regretted that this worthy citizen did not live to see his son, Mr. Vaughan Nash, holding the distinguished office of private secretary to two Prime Ministers of the British Empire, as we understand he has lately been appointed by the present Premier to the same post he had held under his predecessor, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, which shows the high appreciation which must be entertained of his services.

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## WILLIAM NAISH, J.P.

A sturdily built man, rather below middle height, wearing a large grey beard and moustache when we remember him, and a partner in a firm at that time carrying on a large business in the cotton trade, in which we think his brothers Henry, Edmund, and Joseph had been at one time associated with him. He was twice married, and had some family by both wives. He lived for some years in Durdham Park, Redland, and was fond of riding and driving. He served the office of Mayor of Bristol, and Justice of the Peace, was considerably impressed with a sense of his own importance, but was not a bad sort with those who really knew him, though he had a somewhat gruff, brusque manner, and loud voice. He was often seen on the Bench of Magistrates, and was long in the Town Council. For some time before his death, at a fairly advanced age, he was in rather feeble health, and mostly resided we think at Weston-super-Mare. He came of an old Quaker family, by whom he was looked upon as a backslider, when he introduced a piano and musical parties in his house at Redland.

## CAPTAIN RICHARD BREMBRIDGE NICHOLETTS, R.N.,

For a number of years ably and efficiently discharged his duties as Captain of H.M.S. *Formidable* training ship, stationed at the Port of Bristol, and commanding officer of the local branch of the Naval Reserve, and was a smart, well set-up man of good height and appearance, wearing slight beard and moustache. He was married, and lived in Clifton, his son holding a responsible position with Stuckey's Banking Company. Captain Nicholetts never took any part in local public affairs, but was long a member of the committee of the Bristol Dogs' Home, and seldom absent from the meetings, appearing to be much interested in that excellent institution and other philanthropic societies. Being sociable, courteous, and agreeable, he was very popular with all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and although rather dignified and reserved in the general way, he was all right when you knew him, and without in any way going in for oratorical display, could express his views in a brief, common sense manner, when occasion required, which accounts for the confidence reposed in him by his colleagues and friends, by whom he was much respected and esteemed. Captain Nicholetts was unanimously elected to the chairmanship of the committee of the Bristol Dogs' Home, rendered vacant by the lamented death of the late J. H. Goodenough Taylor.

Since the foregoing sketch was prepared for the Second Series of " Bristol Worthies," the writer regrets very much to hear of the death of Captain Nicholetts, and thinks many of his friends will like to see the notices of his death and funeral, which appeared in one of the local newspapers, showing the high esteem and regard in which the deceased was held, although want of space prevents the names of the vast crowd attending the ceremony at the Cathedral being given :—

DEATH IN CLIFTON OF A RESPECTED CITIZEN.

"The death took place yesterday, at Caledonia Place, Clifton, of Captain Richard Brembridge Nicholetts, R.N., retired. The deceased, who was 70 years of age, is well known in Bristol, principally by reason of the excellent work he accomplished during the sixteen years he was commander of the old *Formidable* training ship at Portishead. Upon his retirement from that position in 1894, the deceased was presented with a solid silver bowl, a pair of silver three-branch candlesticks, a carriage clock, and an illuminated address, the inscription upon the latter being—'Captain R. B. Nicholetts, R.N., of H.M.S. *Formidable*. Presented on his retirement by friends who desire to place on record their sense of the thoroughness of his work and of the success with which it has been attended during 16 years. June 1894.' Perhaps the only other tribute to the value of the work accomplished by the deceased as commander of the *Formidable*, which it is necessary to quote, is that offered by Sir Edward Fry, who, formally making the presentation, said that whatever might be Captain Nicholetts' future, it was certain that the memory of those 16 years of useful service so crowned with success would be of lasting value to him. . . . He had won their esteem and respect and affectionate regard, having exhibited those qualities which were not looked for in vain in an English sailor and an English gentleman.

"The deceased became a sub-lieutenant in March, 1857; lieutenant in May, 1859; commander, 1868, and retired from the Navy with the rank of captain in October, 1873. He was prominently associated with the Bristol branch of the Navy League and Lifeboat Saturday Fund; whilst he was also a member of the committee and a trustee of the Clifton Industrial School, member of the committee of the Bristol Sailors' Home, and chairman of the committee of the Bristol Dogs' Home. He also took a keen interest in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty

to Animals, of the local branch of which Mrs. Nicholetts has been president.

FUNERAL SERVICE AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE LATE CAPT. R. B. NICHOLETTS, R.N., 29TH AUG. 1908.

"The first part of the funeral service of Captain Richard Bremridge Nicholetts, R.N., who passed away at his residence, Caledonia Place, Clifton, on Monday, was held at noon on Saturday in Bristol Cathedral. The service, which was choral, was of a deeply impressive character, and was attended by a large congregation. The surpliced clergy present were the Very Rev. the Dean of Bristol, the Rev. Canons Tetley, Everingham, Way and Cole, Minor Canon Jacob, and the Rev. T. C. Chapman. The funeral cortege was headed by the band of the Clifton Industrial School—under Bandmaster J. Armstrong—who played Beethoven's Funeral March. The funeral was with naval honours, and the remains were borne upon a gun carriage drawn by a contingent of men of the Royal Naval Reserve from the *Dædalus*. A Union Jack served as pall, and amongst the beautiful flowers upon the coffin had been placed the deceased officer's sword, cocked hat, and Crimean medals. The pall bearers were Admiral F. Arden Close, R.N., Captain Hatton, R.N., Commander Robertson, R.N., and Captain Kitcat. The gun carriage was followed by an open carriage containing a great number of floral tributes.

"Next came the carriages containing the principal mourners, who were :—Mrs. Nicholetts and Miss Nicholetts Mr. E. C. Nicholetts, Mr. H. R. G. Hoskyns, Mr. Paget Hoskyns, Mrs. A. R. Hoskyns, Mrs. R. Nicholetts, Miss H. G. Nicholetts, Dr. Dacre, Mr. Barfoot, Mr. Savory. A carriage had been reserved for the servants—E. Amor, A. King, M. Burton, and R. Davis. Private carriages had been sent by Sir Edward Fry, Sir Henry Miles, Admiral Close, Dr. Dacre, Mrs. Boddam Castle, and Mrs. Brittan. A detachment of officers and men of the Royal

Naval Reserve was in command of Commander Robertson, R.N., and the boys from the Clifton Industrial School were also present.

"The coffin, borne by Naval Reserve men, was met at the Cathedral porch by the clergy, and as the solemn procession moved slowly up the aisle the opening sentences of the service were read by Minor Canon Jacob. The hymns were: 'Lead, kindly light,' the beautiful hymn for mariners, 'Eternal Father, strong to save,' and 'Peace, perfect peace'

THE DEAN'S ADDRESS.

"A brief address was delivered by the Dean of Bristol, who said they had gathered to pay a last tribute of respect of esteem, and, in many cases, of warm friendship to the departed. Some said, and with truth, that there were three places in this world more or less dear to everyone. One was the home in which we lived, one was the church in which we worshipped, and the third was the grave in which we should at last be laid to rest. From the first of these—from a home which was to him a centre of all happy interests—to what he might call a halting place on the road to his last resting-place, they had brought their departed friend, who had been a frequent worshipper within those walls. Though Captain Nicholetts had retired from active service, a tribute on the part of the Navy had been fittingly shown towards him that day. His retirement had not been made an excuse for indolence and parting company with all which made up the interest of life. For 16 years Captain Nicholetts was connected officially and most successfully with the *Formidable*. He took a great interest in the Navy League, in the industrial school of Bristol, in the Sailors' Home, and in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. His wide experience had been brought to bear upon all these matters, and his counsel would be missed. Men whose hearts were warm with the love of Christ, as his

was, could not stand doing nothing for Him, and they could ill spare from the Church and the city men like their dear departed friend, who, kindly and unaffectedly, and never in a way that was out of place, took a warm and kindly interest in all those movements which had been mentioned. It had pleased God to call him to his rest and take him to Himself after an illness peculiarly trying to an active man. It had been his privilege to visit Captain Nicholetts several times during his last illness, and he had never heard him utter a word of complaint. Not to intrude on the sanctity of domestic sorrow, they could only show their sympathy, as they had done that afternoon, with those upon whom, of course, a sorrow like this fell heaviest—his widow, his child. They could only pray for them that God might deal with them as a Father to the fatherless and give them a blessed hope of a union hereafter.

"As the procession was leaving the Cathedral the organist played Chopin's March Funèbre. The interment was at Portbury. The coffin was borne on the gun carriage as far as the Ashton swing bridge, where it was transferred to a funeral car. About half a mile from Portbury the cortege was met by the band of the Nautical School (under Bandmaster L. R. Squire), who were accompanied by a squad of a dozen more of the boys, in charge of Mr. Jackson. On the road to the churchyard the band played the Dead March in 'Saul.' The concluding portion of the funeral service was read by the Rev. T. C. Chapman. The grave was lined with flowers and foliage. Present at the cemetery were a number of retired officials—including Mr. T. Goss and Mr. E. Porter—who had served under Captain Nicholetts on the *Formidable*. From the present staff of the Nautical School there attended Mr. A. I. Bennett and Mr. E. Davey. Volleys were fired over the grave by a party of Naval Reserve men, and the 'Last Post' was sounded.

"CANON TETLEY'S TRIBUTE.

"At the conclusion of his sermon yesterday, at the Cathedral, Canon Tetley said: 'The thoughts of many to whom I speak are with him whose earthly tabernacle was borne yesterday for the last time into this Cathedral, for which he had so strong an attachment, and where he was, till illness rendered it impossible, a constant worshipper. It was a notable public life, that began with active service in the Crimean War, and was lived to the last in various departments of energetic usefulness among us. Those who knew him could be nothing other or less than his friend. For in him was found that blending of gentleness and strength which makes a man to be alike fearless and full of pity. He was the friend of every living thing. God help us, each in our own way, so to follow such an example, that we, with him, may attain to the light eternal and perpetual peace of the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"

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## GEORGE NICHOLS

Was a pleasant-looking man, of above medium height, with a smart, bright manner, and of a cheery, sociable disposition, who looked much more like a sporting farmer than an auctioneer, and was, we think, the son of a farmer who had long been a tenant of the Gibbs family, of Flax Bourton. George Nichols started as an agricultural auctioneer and valuer about the year 1869 (when the writer attended his first sale), and gradually merged in his firm the business of several others in the same line, so that eventually they got hold of much of the best work of that kind. His personal popularity was of much value in the matter, as he had a great following in the sporting and agricultural world. He passed away, to the regret of a large circle of friends, still looking a man little over the

prime of life, leaving a family of children, two of the sons in which have been connected with their father's firm, and one son was in the Law, but has some time since left the district.

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## CANON NORRIS,

Afterwards Archdeacon of Bristol, will be remembered by some of the readers of these sketches, as a tall, slightly-built, refined looking man of eminently clerical aspect, with a solemn, grave face, but the accompanying portrait, taken some years before his death, will give a better idea of his appearance than any written description. An eloquent preacher, a good speaker, and a courteous, pleasant man, he was universally respected and esteemed in ecclesiastical and private social circles, and he was one of those men who don't blow the trumpet before them when they are doing kind actions, but many are the kind and generous works he wrought while in the Bristol district, where he lived and laboured for many years.

He died, when at any rate he appeared to be, in the prime of life, but not before his worth and merits had been appreciated by all to whom he was known. And his kindly, unassuming nature has left in the minds of his numerous fellow workers and friends, the remembrance of a good and lovable man, and a pious, exemplary life, well spent in doing all the good in its power.

At one time he was Vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.

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## HENRY O'BRIEN O'DONOGHUE.

A good-looking man, well set up, wearing most of his life large whiskers and moustache, and living at Long

Ashton. He held a number of public appointments, such as Magistrates' Clerk, Clerk to the Board of Guardians, Highway Trust, &c., &c., the duties of which occupied most of his time. He married a graceful and amiable Irish lady, Miss Hamilton, and had one daughter, married some time since. He was a very agreeable, sociable man, and exceedingly popular in a large circle of friends in and out of the profession, by whom he was invariably spoken of as " Harry." For many years he took a keen interest in societies with religious and benevolent objects in view, and was a frequent speaker at public meetings connected with such matters. He suffered a good deal in the latter part of his life from an internal disorder, which he bore with exemplary fortitude, and passed away about the allotted age of man, to the grief of a great number of friends, to whom his personality and many agreeable qualities had endeared him.

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## DAVID STODDART OLIVER

Was a man of stoutish build, and sociable, pleasant manners, wearing his hair short and clipped side whiskers, on a round face of florid complexion. He lived in the upper part of Tyndall's Park, and was unassuming and unobtrusive in his habits. He was engaged in the wine trade, and was looked upon as a successful trader in that line. He took up poultry to a moderate extent, also pigeons, and whatever he had, it must be as good as he could procure, but in his latter years he became quite an enthusiast in bulldogs, and got together a team of the very highest quality, to be seen anywhere at that time in possession of one preson, for some of which he was offered fabulous prices. A friend of the writer heard him refuse £500 for one of his bulldogs—Monarch. He exhibited extensively at the best shows, and won many prizes.

He died, to the general regret of his friends, after a short illness, somewhat under the allotted age of man, leaving a widow and two children to mourn his loss.

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## HENRY ANDREWS PALMER.

It is so long since he ceased to reside in the Bristol district, where he was at one time so well-known, that he is probably hardly known by name to the present generation.

The senior partner in the firm of solicitors known as Palmer & Wansey, and Registrar of the Tolzey Court, he was a well-known citizen. For the latter years of his life he was a widower, and lived with his only daughter in Clifton Park, and after his retirement from practice spent much of his time in travelling abroad. In appearance he was a man of good height and substantial build, wearing slight side whiskers on a full face of rather florid complexion, and had such a pleasant, genial manner, and was such a thoroughly courteous, agreeable man, that he was a general favourite with all who knew him, and had troops of friends all over the country. He lived well into advanced years, and his death was deeply deplored by an extensive circle of friends, by whom his great sociability and many charming qualities were highly appreciated. Writer has the impression that his partner, Arthur Hare Wansey, was also his nephew. but is not certain about this.

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## GEORGE O'CONNOR PARNELL

Was the eldest son of the late Thomas Saunders Parnell, whose family consisted of five daughters and two sons,

both of the latter following their father's profession of solicitor. George O'Connor Parnell was a man of about medium height and slight build, fair, with auburn hair and moustache. He was good all round at sport, being a fair shot, cricketer, skater, swimmer, angler, and billiard player. For many years an ardent Volunteer in the Bristol Rifles; Master of his Lodge of Freemasons; and very keen on private theatricals, in which he was far above the average as a performer in light and low comedy, and those who have seen him in such parts as Tony Lumpkin, in "She Stoops to Conquer," also in "Our Boys," "New Men and Old Acres," "Done On Both Sides," "Box and Cox," "My Turn Next," and many more, will remember how well he acted, and agree that if he had adopted the stage instead of the Law for his profession, he would have done well at it. He was a very sociable, agreeable fellow, and possessed a good baritone voice, which made him popular with a number of friends in and around his native city, and although he had been in failing health for some time, his death, when some years under three score, was received with surprise and regret by many with whom he had friendly associations from boyhood, having spent the greater part of his life in or near the city of Bristol. His father was greatly respected in the profession, and his mother, who had been a Miss O'Connor, was very musical, and a most agreeable person, who was generally popular in a large circle of friends in Clifton. He married Caroline, daughter of the late William Hudden, and she and his son and two daughters survived him.

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## DANIEL PARSLEY

Carried on for a number of years the business, since in the hands of one of his sons, and was a character in his way.

He lived at Kingsdown, and had a family of several children.

In appearance he was a slight, wiry-framed man above medium height, with dark hair, eyes, and moustache, on a lean face of sallow complexion, and was a man who altered but little as time went on. He was a keen fancier, and successful breeder and exhibitor in several sections, especially poultry and dogs, white-faced black Spanish in the former, and bulldogs and pugs in the latter, being great favourites with him. Before the time when the prize ring was practically abolished, he was a staunch admirer of the noble art, and often travelled long distances to witness a trial of skill and strength between some of the leading men of the day. He was an ardent politician, and worked hard in the interests of the party in which he believed. Taken altogether, he was quite a "live man," who enjoyed much popularity, particularly amongst the sporting community by whom he was invariably spoken of as "Dan."

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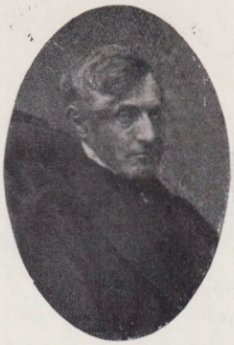
## WILLIAM FREDERICK PEILE

Will be remembered by some of the readers of these sketches as a pleasant, unaffected fellow, who was for some years engaged in the corn trade as a partner in Francis Barnard & Co., who carried on a fairly large business in their line in Queen Square, Bristol. Rather under medium height, good looking, always very neat and precise in attire, he was popular in a large circle and being a good speaker, took an active part in the several literary societies which flourished in his time, and being unmarried, and sociable, was a good deal sought after at gatherings in Clifton and the neighbourhood. He was a man possessed of much sound sense and judgment, with decided opinions, which he knew how to express. Although to all appearances a very healthy man, and of the highest character, he



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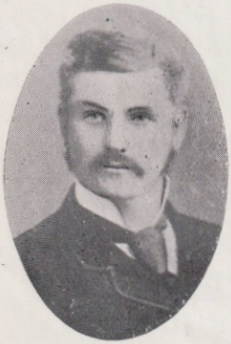

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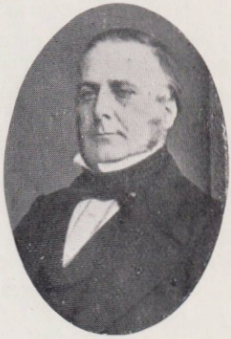

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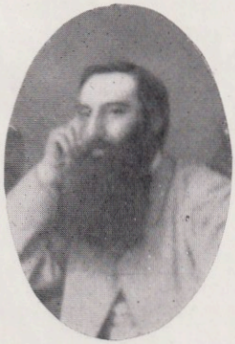

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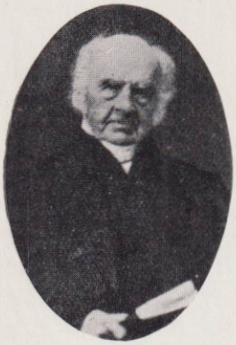

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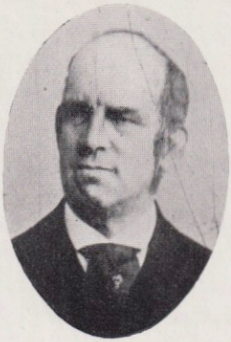

James Clayfield Ireland

John Averay Jones

George Lane

passed away soon after leaving Bristol, at quite an early age, and to the sincere regret of a great many friends, to whom his genial, unassuming ways had endeared him. The photograph herewith was taken during the time he was residing at Bristol, and will recall his appearance to some of his many friends.

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## AUGUSTUS PHILLIPS.

A slightly-built man of peculiar appearance, wearing his grey hair long, and with slight side whiskers and moustache, not sociable or companionable in the general way, but courteous and agreeable with those persons with whom he was on friendly terms.

Perhaps the last thing anyone would guess who met with him in the street, or at any private house, would be that he was one of the principal partners in a firm doing an extensive business in the wine trade, but so it was, and his firm of J. & R. Phillips were credited with taking quite a leading position in their own line.

But Augustus Phillips was far better known to the public at large as an eccentric man of æsthetic tastes, art connoisseur, and diligent collector of drawings and paintings, than in any other way. And during his lifetime, and since his death, many fine specimens from his collection have appeared at the loan collections at Bristol, proving the taste and skill displayed in their purchase. He lived all the latter part of his life at Stoke Bishop, and we have the idea that he had but one daughter, who has been of late the kindly lender of the works referred to. Although one of those men who changed but little with advancing years, but never seemed to enjoy robust health, he must have been well on in years when he passed away.

## WILLIAM PHILLIPS

For a great part of his life was a partner in the firm of J. & R. Phillips, and in his way nearly as peculiar in style and manners as his brother Augustus. In appearance he was below middle height, wearing his dark hair very long and smoothly brushed, with short, all-round whiskers on a somewhat florid countenance.

He always dressed in rather old-fashioned dark clothes, and had much the get-up of a beau of the past, but was not at all a bad sort when you knew him, and had got used to his peculiarities. He married, somewhat late in life, and had a fairly large family of children, at his residence near Canynge Road, Clifton, where he lived unobtrusively, but comfortably, taking no part in public affairs, either parochial, municipal, or parliamentary; being rather stiff and formal in manner, he probably always looked older than his age, but there never was much of the old man about him up to the time of his death, when he must have been close on, or over, the allotted age of man.

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## DAVID POOLE

Was brought up as a solicitor, but he might just as well have had any other profession or calling, as it is very certain he did not trouble about business, and for most of his time did not even have an office. He was mostly to be seen in the day time, airing himself on the steps of the Bristol Commercial Rooms, or enjoying a chat with some of the members inside. He was the second or third son of the late James Poole, who carried on an extensive business as a coal merchant, and was a man under medium height, with rather a large, intelligent face, wearing slight side whiskers, and had a pleasant, sociable manner, so

that he was a universal favourite, and seldom lacked a congenial friend to have a yarn with. During his father's year of office as Mayor of Bristol, and President of the Grateful Society, he was practically his right-hand man, and private secretary, and thoroughly enjoyed attending all the functions and festivities connected with those affairs. He did not enjoy the best of health, and could hardly have reached three score years when he passed away, to the regret of a large circle of friends and cronies.

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### FREDERICK POOLE,

Who was known, amongst many of his intimate friends, also as " Shakespeare Poole," was a son of the late James Poole, and, practically, his successor in the business then, and now, carried on as Poole Brothers, as he long survived his brother Charles, his partner in the firm. He was tall, slight, with a longish face, and wearing fair beard and moustache, and had rather a falsetto voice, with a grave, solemn manner. Unfortunately, he was subject to epileptic fits, which sometimes came on very unexpectedly, and at most awkward moments. The nephew of a Royal Academician, and friendly with numbers of artists, he was a keen art connoisseur, and always to be seen at exhibitions and sales of works of art, and being a well-informed, courteous man, with agreeable, sociable manners, was generally popular with a large circle of friends, by whom his death, at a comparatively early age, was much deplored. He was unmarried.

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### TIMOTHY SAMPSON POWELL

Looked like what he really was, a country gentleman and an enthusiastic sportsman, a life-long friend of the Captain

William Phillips, mentioned in the first series of these sketches, and whom he always called " Uncle," although it is not believed they were at all related, except as brother sportsmen.

He lived at Charlton, near Westbury, and when he was at home, amused himself with farming and cattle breeding, and at other times when he was not shooting over his far-famed lemon and white spaniels, he was fishing somewhere or other. In appearance he was above medium height, and of slight, wiry figure, with dark hair, eyes, and slight side whiskers, on a lean, pleasant face, and was a most genial, agreeable companion, with endless tales of his experiences as a sportsman.

For many years he was a Director of the Severn and Wye Railway and Canal Company, and one of the largest shareholders in that concern, since amalgamated with some of the great companies. He must have been well into the seventies when he passed away, though he never looked the old man, and was active almost to the last, but his unaffected, amiable disposition made his departure deeply regretted by a large circle of colleagues, fellow sportsmen, and friends far and near. The accompanying portrait was very like him.

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## JOHN LATHAM PRESS

Was a man of about medium height and stoutish build, with fair complexion and hair, in his latter years wearing beard and moustache on a full, round face. A keen man of business, rather abrupt, dictatorial, and imperious in his manner, one who never seemed to court popularity, and mostly laid himself out for the Common Law and Bankruptcy side of his office, in which he was first of all associated with Messrs. Bevan & Girling, then with Messrs. Inskip & Thomas, and afterwards with Messrs. Henry

Brittan & Inskip. He was married, and lived with his family, most of his life, in Clifton, but at one time in the country at Hallen, when his brougham, with a neat pair of red roan cobs might often be seen waiting to take its owner home. He was looked upon as a reliable man in commercial law, and his firm had a good share of what was going in that line, besides having a good deal of business created by the 1869 Act, which brought so much work into the County Courts throughout the kingdom. He died, at a comparatively early age, before his years had made much appreciable impression on him.

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## CHARLES GREVILLE PRIDEAUX, Q.C.,

At the time of his death held the high office of Recorder of Bristol, a post which has been held by many distinguished men "learned in the Law." But besides being, as we think, a native of Bristol, he had for many years being well-known as one who practised in the Western Circuit, of which he was latterly the leader.

In appearance he was a big, heavy man, with rather a ponderous manner, and always reminded the writer of the picture in "Pickwick Papers," of Sergeant Buzfuz, but was an agreeable, courteous man, and very popular with his colleagues at the Bar, and in private life. He was, we think, a brother of the then Sword Bearer of the Bristol Corporation, and of George Fisher Prideaux, who is slightly sketched in this series. He often appeared in cases at the Assizes held in Bristol as one of the counsel engaged, and although he was a man who from his appearance and style probably looked older than his age, he must have attained the allotted age of man, or over, when the announcement of his death caused widespread regret amongst his many friends in the profession and out of it, by whom he was much respected and esteemed for his unaffected character and amiable disposition.

## GEORGE FISHER PRIDEAUX,

Who was a younger brother of the late Recorder of Bristol, and of a family long associated with the ancient city, was a smart, active man, of good height and substantial build, with a nervous, excitable manner, and wearing large bushy whiskers, on a pleasant-looking face. He was married, but without any children, and lived most of his life at Cotham. For many years he acted as honorary secretary to the Dolphin Society. He was a staunch Churchman, and much interested in religious meetings, bazaars, &c., and might often be found taking part in matters of the kind. After practising for many years alone, he took into partnership the late Myles Ariel Clark, solicitor and notary public, and they carried on, in a quiet way, an extensive and lucrative business, which, we think, was dissolved only by the rather sudden death of G. F. Prideaux. Looked upon as an able and sound man of business, he was somewhat brusque and abrupt in manner, and not one to court popularity, at any rate in his business capacity; but in private life his nervous temperament was not so apparent, and he enjoyed the regard and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom his death was deplored.

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## GEORGE PRYCE

Was a man who lived a strenuous life, as he took the helm of the Bristol Free Library in King Street, when education was not such a burning subject as it has since become, and was most enthusiastic in his work for the good cause. It may come as a surprise to some of the Bristol citizens to learn that the old premises in King Street, Queen Square, were presented to the city as long ago as 1613, so that they have been held for nearly 300 years, and were a

free gift from one Robert Redwood, a private gentleman, with a residence in the Parish of St. Leonard, Bristol, and a country house at Congresbury, Somersetshire, the premises being then described as " his Lodge, adjoyninge to the Towne Wall, neere the Marsh of Bristol," and were given for the purpose of being converted into " a Librayre, or place to put bookes, for the fartherance of learninge."

George Pryce must have been one of the early holders of the post of Librarian, after the place had been made free to all, in 1855, as it had previously been in the hands of a body, appointed, or allowed, by the Corporation, and known as the Bristol Library Society, who paid no rent during their tenure of over 100 years, and charged a fairly stiff entrance fee to those who used the Library. Some of the readers of these sketches will remember George Pryce, who was an active, earnest man of medium height and stoutish build, and espoused the cause of his hobby, the Free Library, with much vigour. He was greatly interested in antiquarian matters, and wrote several books on such subjects in connection with the ancient buildings in Bristol, mostly illustrated from his own sketches and drawings. He was perhaps rather self-opinionated and inclined to take a high view of his own attainments, but an industrious, painstaking public servant, a pleasant, agreeable companion, and always willing to place the information he had acquired about local places and people at the disposal of his fellow-citizens, and letters from him on various matters often appeared in the papers of his day. There is little doubt that during the time he was Librarian, he brought the City Library more prominently forward than it had ever been before, and was the means of securing many useful gifts of books, &c., from various quarters.

He must have been well on in years when his death took place, though he had been in failing health for some time previously ; he was generally respected and esteemed by a large number of friends and acquaintances as a well-meaning man, who devoted all the latter years of a fairly

long life to the furtherance of facilities for free access to the collection of books of various kinds which, at that time, were all stored in the original premises in King Street, and in which he took such an enthusiastic interest.

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## THOMAS WRIGHT RANKIN

For many years carried on business in the city of Bristol in the wine trade, and lived in Clifton, near the Turnpike which was at that time at the end of the Promenade, with his wife and three children, two sons and one daughter, the latter of whom married Thomas Gadd Matthews. In appearance he was rather under middle height, and wore large grey whiskers and moustache, and glasses. He was of rather gloomy aspect, but a well-informed, agreeable man, and popular with those who knew him intimately. In the latter part of his life he devoted much time to his duties as one of the Directors of the Bristol Sugar Refinery Company, in which he had a good deal of interest, and which he desired to improve and extend in every possible way.

Although rather gruff in manner, he was a kind-hearted, hospitable man, and entertained a good deal in a quiet way, and his death, when still apparently in little beyond the prime of life, was lamented by a considerable number of neighbours and friends, by whom he was generally regarded with esteem and respect. The accompanying portrait was taken some years before his death, and is considered a good likeness.

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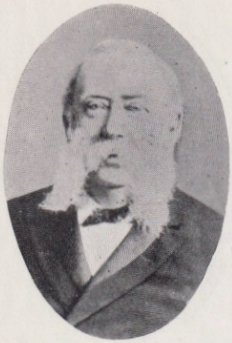
## ALFRED ROBINSON.

A Justice of the Peace for the City and County of Bristol, as well as for the County of Gloucester, and might occasionally be seen at the Bristol Police Court and at



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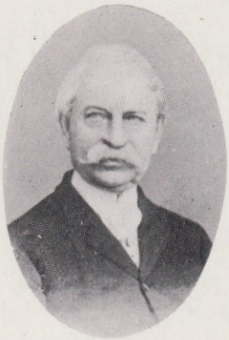

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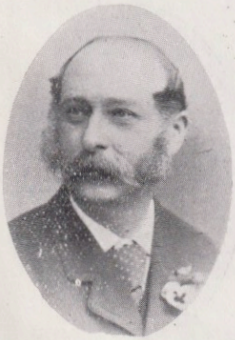

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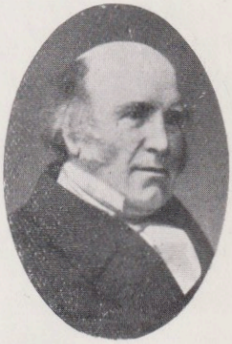

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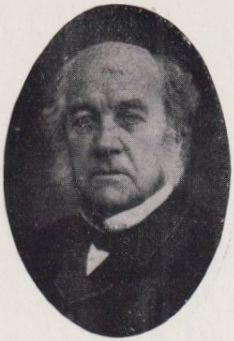

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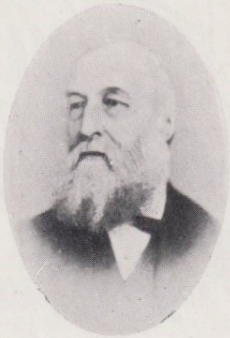

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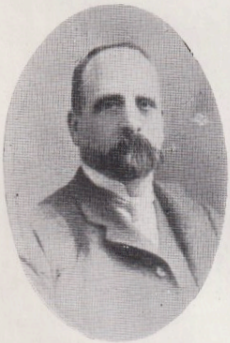

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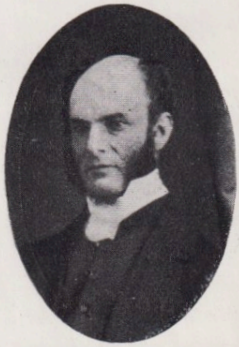

Rev. Canon Norris

Lawford's Gate, but he was not a man who cared much for public life of any kind, and was a great contrast, in many respects, to his brother and partner, Elisha. He lived for a great part of his life at Beechwood, Fishponds, then quite a rural district, and was a sportsman to a moderate extent, mostly devoting his attention to shooting

He had a family of several sons and two daughters, the elder of the latter married Dr. Edward Grace, of Thornbury, the well-known cricketer and Coroner for West Gloucestershire, and had previously been engaged to his younger brother, George Frederick Grace, whose early death cut short a promising career. Alfred Robinson was a man of good height and presence, somewhat taciturn and reserved except with those he knew well, but very straightforward and outspoken, and generally esteemed and respected in and out of business circles. He was a strict disciplinarian, emphatically one of the old school, and a little bit of the martinet, but had so many redeeming good qualities, and was really such a kind-hearted, excellent friend and neighbour, that his death, when he still looked in the prime of life, was generally lamented by a large number of relatives and friends. We think he was one of the founders of the firm of E. S. & A. Robinson, and long an active worker in it.

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## ELISHA SMITH ROBINSON, M.P.,

Was a tall man, who stooped a little, and so did not make the most of his height, very bald, wearing brown beard, moustache, &c., and a hard worker both in his own business as paper merchant and wholesale stationer and printer, with which he was very successful and amassed considerable means, but also at public affairs, being for many years an active Town Councillor, serving the office of

Mayor of Bristol, President of the Anchor Society, &c., and also being elected one of the Members of Parliament for Bristol. He lived for all the latter part of his life at Stoke Bishop, and had a large family of mostly sons, some of whom are still engaged in carrying on the business, founded by their father and uncle, long since converted into a limited company, and which has arisen Phœnix-like from the ashes of one of the most important fires seen in the Bristol district for many years.

E. S. Robinson was a man of parts, a fluent and able speaker, and of considerable ability and intelligence, rather gruff and sedate in manner ; he was very genuine, and a person of the highest integrity, who was regarded with confidence and respect even by those opposed to him in politics and other ways, as there was no nonsense or assumption about him, being quite unaffected, and could always be relied on to say and do what he believed to be right and fair. His death, at a fairly advanced age (though he always looked older than he was, from the strenuous life he led) was deplored by a large circle of all ranks and shades of opinion, as an honest, well-meaning man.

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## JOHN RODBARD RODBARD.

A big, stout man of rather dark complexion, wearing a large black beard and moustache, and lived a great deal of his life at Aldwick Court, near Wrington, where he was well-known throughout the kingdom as one of the most successful breeders and exhibitors of turkeys, ducks, black Spanish and several varieties of Cochin China poultry, and there are probably few amongst those who have been successful with any of those birds, who do not claim to have derived benefit from John Rodbard Rodbard's strain. He was married, and had two daughters and one

son, who died in the lifetime of his father. His widow survived him, and devoted all the latter part of her life to foreign travel, and, we think, she not long since passed away, at an advanced age, when on one of her tours into distant lands. J. R. Rodbard was rather a shy, reserved man, but all right with those he knew well, and was looked upon as a great authority in the poultry world, having won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, and sold many birds at good prices in and out of the United Kingdom. He was in many respects a contrast to his brother, Henry Lucas Bean, and died somewhere about the allotted age of man, regretted by all his friends.

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## MADAME JANE JACKSON ROECKEL.,

The name by which this lady was best known long after she had become the wife of Joseph Leopold Roeckel, was the second daughter of the late Samuel Jackson, the landscape painter, a sketch of whom appeared in our first series, and, almost from infancy, showed musical talent, and from the time she left school, had earned her own living with her own hands. Being of very pleasing appearance, and quite charming and unaffected in manners, she was all her life immensely popular amongst her numberless friends, and her kindly, charitable disposition was shown by her being always ready to support any good objects which came before her. Few in her profession have worked harder than she, but at least she had the satisfaction that she was not only popular and respected by her colleagues in the profession, but had the regard and esteem of a vast multitude of friends and acquaintances, to very many of whom she was further endeared by her words and deeds of kindness and generosity.

Since the foregoing was written, the lamented death of Madame Roeckel has taken place, and the writer here-

with appends the notices of her death and funeral which appeared in the local papers of August, 1907, as he feels sure some of her many friends may like to have the particulars in a more permanent form :—

"DEATH OF MRS. J. L. ROECKEL.

"The musical world of Bristol has sustained a great and irreparable loss in the death of Mrs. J. L. Roeckel, an exceedingly accomplished musician in our city, and one of the kindest-hearted ladies who ever lived. Only a few weeks ago reference was made in our columns, under 'Music in the West,' to the long-continued and rather tenacious indisposition of Mrs. Roeckel, who, despite her weakness and suffering, delighted to 'live laborious days' than to lie aside. Now the end has come, and everyone who knew her will feel deeply grieved that such an estimable and even noble lady has gone to the silent land. In early life Miss Jane Jackson showed great musical aptitude, and to direct her energies and her future life to the study, cultivation, performance, and later to the teaching of music and to composition was her natural bent. In her early years while a school-girl—she went to hear Patti (who not long since paid her farewell visit to Bristol) and was evidently greatly influenced by that wonderful singer. Later on she met Mr. J. L. Roeckel, whom she married. When her powers as a pianist were matured, Mrs. Roeckel often played in public. She performed at some of the concerts given by the old Philharmonic Society, of which the late Mr. W. Proctor Baker was secretary, and on numerous subsequent occasions she appeared on the local concert platform as a solo pianist, or in conjunction with other executants. But for the last 30 years her appearances before the public have been but occasional. She devoted her life mainly to teaching—and many sound local pianists came under her tuition—and to composition, and under the *nom de plume* of 'Jules de Sevrai' many excellent

pieces came from her pen. Although she did not latterly often actually come prominently out before the public, she was at the back of many musical and other movements. She took a leading share in raising the funds for establishing a Bristol scholarship at the Royal College of Music. She, as well as her husband, was a guarantor of Festivals, and an hon. member of the Bristol Choral Society. The Monday Popular Concerts and sundry other musical ventues she admirably supported. More recently she. took arvery leading part in the concerts given at the Fine Arts Academy, and was associated with some comprised in the very last series. Her goodness of heart, and the generosity of her nature, were shown in multifarious ways, and although some of her acts of devotion and benevolence were known, hundreds were secretly done. It is impossible even to remember the numerous concerts she organised to assist those of her colleagues and others in distress. The writer can call to memory many instances where her thoughtful kindness and generosity brought relief to sorrowful hearts. Perhaps one of the most notable instances of her goodness is Miss Marie Hall. Everyone knows the early life of the brilliant little artist—that it was one of poverty and of drudgery, and of gaining a pittance by playing in the streets. Mainly through the instrumentality of Mrs. Roeckel the child was rescued and brought to the notice of Mr. P. Napier Miles, who placed her under well-known masters. How she has profited by the tuition she received everyone knows. Surely of Mrs. Roeckel it may fittingly be said she rests from her labours and her works follow her."

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"THE LATE MRS. J. J. ROECKEL.

"FUNERAL AT SHIREHAMPTON.

"Relatives and friends from near and far, who made quite a numerous company, assembled at Shirehampton

yesterday afternoon to pay a tribute of love, admiration, and esteem to the late Mrs. J. L. Roeckel, whose body was laid to rest in the Garden of Sleep there. At Worcester Lawn the 'earthly tabernacle,' enclosed in a casket of polished oak, was placed in an open Washington car, laden thickly with floral tributes, and was drawn by four horses to the church of the beautiful new suburb of Bristol. In the several carriages that followed were the mourners—Mr. J. L. Roeckel, Mrs. Wightwick (sister of the deceased), Captain Russell, Miss Lillian Russell, Mrs. Gidley, Mr. John Barrett (hon. secretary Western Division I.S.M.), Mr. J. H. Clarke, Mr. H. Tuthill (Gloucester), Mr. C. Enoch, and the domestics. In the church there had assembled Mr. D. W. Rootham and Mr. Hubert Hunt (representing the Clifton Musical Club), Mr. E. Purcell Cockram, Mr. F. C. Maker, Mr. Walter J. Kidner (representing the Bristol Musical Festival Society), Mr. R. S. Kidner (from the Society of Bristol Gleemen), Mr. R. C. Tombs, I.S.O., Captain T. Paul, Mr. C. H. Lane, Mr. E. T. Collins (representing the Bristol Benevolent Fund), Mr. E. T. Wedmore, Mr. E. J. Barff, Mr. J. P. Perry, Mr. A. G. Austin, Mr. E. J. Shellard, Mr. J. S. Pitt, Mr. G. Buckland, Mr. Arthur Weekes, Mr. W. H. Blackburn, Mr. A. Dashfield, Mr. E. Osmond, Mrs. John Barrett, Miss Edna Barrett, Mrs. Alfred Green-Armytage, Miss Fyffe, Mrs. Alsop, Miss Mary Lock, Miss C. W. Lock, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Setter, Mrs. Heaton, Mrs. J. G. Holmes, Mrs. R. M. Parker-Cox, Miss Gertrude Dawes, Miss Maude Wingate, Miss L. Chandler, and many others. The vicar (the Rev. H. A. Powell) officiated, and read the first part of the burial service in the church. The coffin was then taken to the cemetery and placed in a new earth grave, around which gathered the sorrowing friends. When the vicar had concluded the reading of the beautiful and touching words of the service, the bereaved husband and sister each dropped a bunch of flowers upon the coffin, and the many comrades in the musical profession, some of whom had known and had been associated with the deceased in the

exercise of the divine art for half a century, drew near and took a farewell look at the casket containing the mortal remains of one so generally beloved and mourned.

"Floral tributes were sent by the following: Miss Gertrude Dawes, Mrs. Ed. Cooper, Miss S. Dorothy Gribble, Captain and Mrs. Russell, Miss Clotilde Russell, Miss Lilian Russell and Mrs. Gidley, Miss Hyacinth Metcalfe, Miss Nott, Mr. and Mrs. George Riseley, Mrs. Lucy, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Rothwell Quirk, Mary and Lizzie (maids), the Council of the Western Section of the I.S.M., Mrs. and the Misses Abbott, Mrs. W. Wilberforce Jose, Mr. Horace L. Evans, the Misses Jane and L. L. Appleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stevens, Miss S. E. Curry, Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Coates, Mrs. Studley, Mrs. Gribble and Mrs. Gardiner, Miss Gardiner, Miss Glascodine, Miss Edith Watts, Miss Mary Lock, Miss Home and Miss Power, Miss Lucy S. Hill, Mrs. Toplis and Misses Williams and May Birch, Miss Dorothy Pitt, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. B. Villiers, Mr. and Miss A. F. Penraven, Mrs. Dole, Mrs. G. A. Davis and family, Mr. W. S. Clarke and Miss Alice Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rebbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens (Rosedale), Miss Dora Gordon-Stephens, the Misses Emma and Rosa Dawes, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Enoch and family, Miss Clara Ryall-Davies and Miss Ethel Tammadge, Miss Maude Wingate, Mr. and Mrs. Bradner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clarke, Miss Fyffe and Miss M. Fyffe, the Ladies' Musical Club, Mrs. Ashill, Miss C. William, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Summers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cook, the General Council and members of the I.S.M., and Mr. H. Tuthill."

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"Mrs. Roeckel: An Appreciation.

"As we advance in life we are apt to recall influences which have turned or assisted its current at critical periods, and whilst conscious how the character and action of those with whom we have enjoyed intercourse has made a difference in our lives, we do not so readily

think of the influence we may have had on others. Yet it is grateful to dwell on the recollection of having seen benefits accrue to those we have endeavoured to help, and doubly grateful we are, in remembering occasions of difficulty, or when the way was not clear, to have relied, not in vain, on the sympathy and friendship of others who were ready and willing to cheer and enlighten the way.

"I write as an outsider as regards the musical profession, and as such my experience is merely an illustration of the widespread testimony which is being borne to the life-long service of one whose departure from the flesh so many truly mourn, but whose loving spirit is still with us. One feature in particular that was pre-eminent in her character was the power, so quietly and effectively exercised, of inspiring others to do their best, to do things they had not considered themselves capable of doing, and also to restrain themselves from doing things which would not bear inspection, or might be regretted. Of course, this is of the very essence of a good teacher. When a pupil, young or old, finds himself under the spell of such a teacher, who as well possesses the gift of knowledge, happy indeed is that pupil.

"It would be easy to fill a column with incidents illustrative of the kind heart of Mrs. Roeckel, whether exercised in promoting the welfare of young musicians, or in helping good causes which might in themselves be supposed to be far from her own personal interests, or in encouraging and stimulating effort to success by sympathy and individual help; possibly as much was accomplished indirectly as directly. These few words will now suffice. There is no need to touch on the long and honourable course of professional work in its varied aspects. I will therefore conclude with the terse and feeling expression of a mutual friend referring to Mrs. Roeckel, which sums up so much—'a beautiful character.'"

"E. T. W."

G. O'C. Parnell

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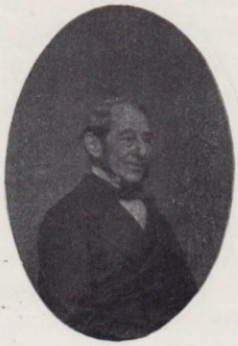

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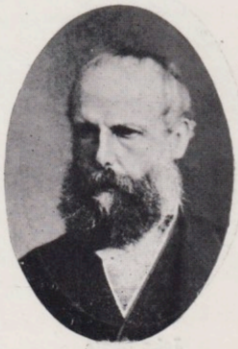

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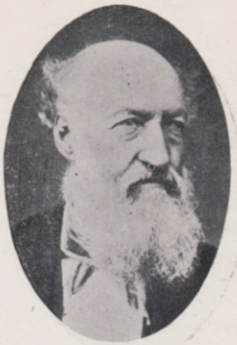

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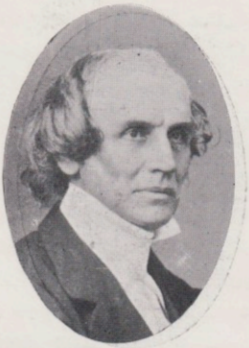

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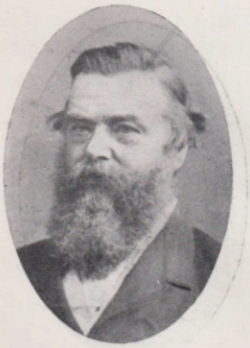

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## GEORGE ROGERS, M.D.,

Who was the son of a member of a firm of bankers carrying on business in Bristol, was a man rather below medium height, and of slight figure, very bald, and wearing grey beard, &c., on a pleasant face. He devoted the greater part of his life to the treatment of cases of mental disorder, and superintended a large establishment for the purpose at Longwood House, Failand, where he lived with his wife and family of three sons and four daughters. We think all the former left England for the Colonies, and of the latter, the eldest married William Bamfield Cogan, a Bristol merchant, the second, the Rev. A. Grant Lane, and the others were unmarried. Dr. Rogers at one time took much interest in Poor Law matters, and served the office of Governor of the Incorporation of the Poor at Bristol, but of late years, after he left Longwood, he lived a somewhat retired life in Portland Square, Bristol. He was a kind, affectionate husband and father, a generous and straightforward man, and his death, in his 82nd year, was sincerely lamented by a large circle of friends, to whom he had endeared himself by his unassuming manner and many sterling qualities. The accompanying portrait is an excellent likeness of the worthy Doctor, taken a few years before his death.

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## ROBERT ROWLATT

Held for some years the Head Mastership of Colston's School, which in his time had not long before been transferred from the heart of the city of Bristol to the Old Bishop's Palace at Stapleton.

He was a tall man, with spare figure, and his get-up, with high collar, white neckcloth, and long black coat, gave him quite a clerical appearance. He wore his grey hair long, with slight side whiskers, on a rather full,

benevolent face. At the time of the institution of the Volunteer movement, he joined the ranks, and was attentive to his duties in the Artillery Corps, with which he served many years. During the time he was at Colston's School he rendered good service in raising the standard of education there, and had the confidence of the Governors, as well as the esteem and regard of the pupils. The accompanying portrait gives a capital idea of its subject, and was taken some time before his death, which was generally regretted by his pupils and friends, by whom he was much respected as a conscientious master, and an amiable, straightforward man.

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## JOSHUA SAUNDERS.

For a number of years the Bristol agent for the Bank of England, and resided with his family in Richmond Hill, Clifton, for the greater part of that time. He was about medium height, of slight build, very dark in complexion, hair and slight side whiskers, suave and courteous in manner and bearing, and a generally agreeable man. He, from the position he held, took no part in local or other public affairs, but served in a quiet, unostentatious manner the office of High Sheriff of the City and County of Bristol, about the year 1860. Not many years afterwards he retired from his post at the Bank of England and devoted the declining years of his life to the cultivation of flowers and gardens, for which he had ample scope in extensive premises acquired in what was then known as "Gallows Acre Lane," but long since renamed, and transformed into Pembroke Road. J. Saunders was a pleasant, amiable man, who was generally popular in and out of business circles, and had a family of several sons and three daughters, the latter taking much interest in religious work of various kinds.

## ALBANY SAVILE

Was a very good-looking, big man, both in height and weight, and was a well-known member of the firm associated with Miles' Bank, in Corn Street, Bristol, but far too much interested in other matters to slave away much of his time in a bank ! He was fond of hunting and other forms of sport, was long an active officer in the Gloucestershire Hussars, rising to the rank of Major, looking well in his uniform, and fully able to make his voice and intentions clearly recognised when he spoke to the troopers ! He was also a very fair whip, and in the summer might often be seen sending along a workmanlike team of well-bred animals at a rattling pace. He was another specimen of the country gentleman turned banker, and preserving much more of the former than the latter character. He was a hearty, jovial sort of man, who enjoyed popularity amongst his own set, and lived a pleasant life in his own way. He lived mostly at a house right on the Durdham Downs, and his wife was a fine, stylish, showy woman, a good match for him.

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## JOHN SHUTE

Formerly was the head of a concern doing considerable business in the sugar trade and other branches allied to it, and lived with his wife, formerly Miss Rankin, and family of five daughters and one son, at Glenavon, Clifton Down. He was of above medium height, wearing dark hair, beard, moustache, &c., with a somewhat grave, quiet manner, but very courteous, agreeable, and pleasant when with those he knew well, and the soul of hospitality. His eldest daughter married Dr. Brady, of Birmingham, his second and one of his younger daughters married Charles and Alfred Henderson respectively, both then practising as solicitors, and his son married one of the

daughters of the late Thomas Holmes. John Shute never took any active part in public life, and was quite unaffected and unostentatious, but he had a considerable circle of friends and neighbours, to whom the announcement of his death, at a fairly advanced age, caused much genuine sorrow, as that of a sterling, kind-hearted man. A good portrait of him is given herewith.

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## DR. EDWARD MARKHAM SKERRITT, M.D., F.R.C.P., &c.

While the first series of these sketches was in the press, the above-named distinguished member of the medical profession passed away, after a very short illness, at the early age of 58. A dignified and grave, somewhat reserved man, of good appearance and kindly sympathetic manners, he not only held a high position in the appreciation of his professional brethren, but was much respected and esteemed for his personal worth and high character. He was a member of the Council, and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Dean of the Medical Faculty of University College, and during his career as a student, took numerous honours, degrees, scholarships, gold medals, &c., for his attainments. As one of the Doctors of the Bristol General Hospital, he performed an immense amount of valuable work, and was for many years on the Council, where his advice and ability were found of the greatest service. His report of the visit, paid by himself and Dr. Barclay Baron, to Berlin, as a deputation to inquire into Professor Koch's alleged cure for consumption, was considered a masterpiece of learning and lucidity, and was received by the medical profession with much enthusiasm, as he was an able writer, and often contributed articles on interesting matters to the leading medical papers. He married Miss Dorothy Heels, of

Wokingham, and lived at Ivor House, Durdham Down, where, to the great grief of her parents, they lost their only daughter, a most promising young lady, a few years since, and, in consequence, Dr. Markham Skerritt gave up some of his public appointments, which were many and important. He was buried at Redland Green, and a vast concourse of colleagues, patients, friends and acquaintances from all parts of the kingdom attended to testify the respect, esteem and affection universally felt for this distinguished citizen, who had worked so ably in the district for nearly thirty years.

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## WILLIAM SMITH, J.P.,

Who married a daughter of the late Alderman Lucas, and lived for many years at Sundon House, Clifton Down, carried on for a number of years the business of a Colonial broker, was looked upon as a shrewd business man in commercial circles, and was known amongst his intimates as "Garibaldi Smith," from a fancied likeness to the Italian patriot. In appearance he was big in height and weight, wearing a thick head of hair, beard, &c., and took an active part in local municipal affairs, being an Alderman of the Bristol Corporation and a Justice of the Peace for Bristol. He had several daughters, but, we think, no son, and was rather brusque and outspoken in business and other matters in which he was concerned. The accompanying portrait was taken some years before his death, which took place when close on the allotted age of man, though he was up and about nearly to the last, and his loss was felt by a large circle of relatives and friends, by whom he was respected and valued.

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## JOHN HUDSON SMITH

May be said to have carved out his own career, and lived the greater part, if not all, his life in Bristol, where he was long associated with business as a public and private accountant. He was musical, and for many years a member of some of the societies for which Bristol has always been so famous. Also he was a good deal mixed up with Building Society work, and for some years the chairman of one of the largest of those concerns in the West of England. In appearance he was a well set up man, above middle height, wearing his hair short, and all-round whiskers and beard of dark colour, with dark eyes, and had an alert, brisk manner, pleasant and courteous, and generally popular in a large circle of friends, by whom his death in 1906, aged about 74, after a short illness, was generally regretted. We think J. H. Smith was never married, and he was one of those men with upright carriage and well preserved appearance, who always looked much younger than his years.

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## SIR JOHN HENRY GREVILLE SMYTH, Bart.

Was the son of the late Squire Upton, and took the name of Smyth in assuming the title and estates, and when in England spent most of his time at Ashton Court, near Bristol. He was a tall, well-built man, with fair hair, wearing a large light-coloured beard, &c., on a good-looking, florid countenance, and never took any part in parochial or other public affairs, even preferring to pay a fine of £500 to avoid serving the office of High Sheriff. Devoted to sport, mostly shooting and fishing, he spent the greater part of his time in pursuit of it, and since his death, his widow, who was formerly a Miss Way, and widow of the late George Oldham Edwards, has made

generous contributions from his sporting trophies and relics to the Bristol Museum. He was always thought to be a shy, reserved man, and to have few intimate friends, at any rate in the neighbourhood where he resided, and was often away for months at a time, big game hunting, shooting, or fishing, in some out of the way part of the world, not unfrequently accompanied by his wife, as they had no family. He was possessed of large means and considerable estates, chiefly in the County of Somerset, of which, for many years, the late Arthur Way, M.P. for Bath, was his agent, who was succeeded by the late Thomas Dyke, an old friend of the Baronet. We think Sir Greville's death was somewhat sudden, and when he was still almost in the prime of life, though he was a man who carried his years well, and never looked his age.

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## WILLIAM SPARK

For many years carried on an extensive business in Bristol as the senior partner in the firm of Spark & Tait, and lived at Clifton with his wife and family of three daughters, the eldest of whom married Frederick James, the second Charles Abbot Peters, and the youngest Frederick John Fargus, who was far more widely known under his pen name of "Hugh Conway." In appearance he was a man of middle height and substantial build, with a pleasant face and agreeable manners.

He devoted a good deal of time to his duties as Town Councillor, and afterwards Alderman, in the Bristol Corporation, and his long connection with it showed he enjoyed the confidence of his colleagues and fellow citizens.

He took a keen and active interest in local matters generally, and was a regular attendant at the various committees of which he was a member. His death at an

advanced age, though he changed but little in appearance, met with much regret from his many friends and neighbours, who regarded him with considerable esteem and respect.

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## WILLIAM STURGE

Was born in Bristol on the 21st August, 1820, and spent by far the greater part of his long life in his native city, being educated at private schools at Sidcot and Fishponds, both, we think, more or less connected with the "Society of Friends," of which he was a lifelong member, but of a somewhat broader range of views than were held by the older people, then associated with the religious body, formerly known as "Quakers."

In 1836 he entered the office of his uncle, Young Sturge, and Jacob Player Sturge, his father, who succeeded to the business of land surveyors, carried on by their father, Jacob Sturge, who was also a farmer, holding the Red House Farm, Stoke Bishop. William Sturge became a partner in the firm in 1842, and in 1844 his uncle died, from which time, we think, the name of the firm was altered to what it has since remained—J. P. Sturge & Sons, surveyors and land agents.

From his earliest years, William Sturge devoted himself energetically to mastering every detail of his business, and his abilities were soon recognised by all brought into relations with him, and he had much important work connected with railways, and other public companies, placed in his hands. He married, in 1846, Miss Catherine Allen, by whom he had a large family, of whom one of his sons entered the medical profession, and another the Law, but none, we think, embraced their father's occupation.

On his father's death, in 1857, he became practically

the head of the firm, with which, we think, he remained connected until his death, on the 26th March, 1905, although for some time before he had gradually withdrawn from active work, an affection of the eyes interfering with his writing and reading.

In appearance he was rather under medium height, sturdily built, with a grave, impressive manner; wearing beard and whiskers; rather reserved when in company with strangers, but pleasant and affable with those he knew well. The accompanying portrait is a good one, and very like him. A well-read and informed man, upon whose opinion the utmost reliance could be placed, and probably as much thought of as any man in England, in his own line of business, and many and important were the matters in all parts of the kingdom in which he was consulted.

He was one of the Commissioners appointed to make surveys of large estates in some neighbouring counties; also acted, with others, in making valuations of property in the City of Bristol for railway purposes, and is probably the only man who has held the important post of Land Steward of the City and County of Bristol for the long term of forty years. Long connected with the Surveyors' Institution as a member, he held the position of president in 1879 and 1880. He never took any active part in political matters, but held decided opinions, and was a broad-minded man who could express his views tersely and clearly. He enjoyed the respect and esteem of a very large circle of friends, both in and out of business, by whom his death, in his 85th year, was deeply lamented, his many sterling qualities, and unflagging devotion to his duties, and the strictest integrity, being widely recognised—but, we think, even his most intimate friends were surprised when it was afterwards announced his estate was valued at some £500,000, as all his life he had lived in an unassuming and unpretending manner, and never made any display of great wealth.

## SIR ROBERT HENRY SYMES, J.P.,

A slight sketch of this respected citizen appeared in the First Series of Bristol Worthies, and while the Second Series was in the press his sudden death has been announced. The writer was unable to procure the portrait of the deceased which appears in this volume in time for the First Series, and greatly regrets that these lines appear relating to one of the Worthies of the past.

So much that will be interesting to his many friends appears in a notice in one of the local papers that the writer thinks he may be consulting the wishes of many of his readers by quoting extensively from same :—

SUDDEN DEATH OF SIR R. H. SYMES, OCT. 6TH, 1908.

USEFUL CAREER CLOSED.

"We deeply regret to announce that Sir Robert H. Symes died at 3 o'clock this morning. The news came as a great shock to his fellow-residents in Westbury-on-Trym, comparatively few of whom knew that the deceased gentleman was even unwell.

On Sunday evening Sir Robert left home with the intention of attending church, but he felt so cold that he returned home. Yesterday afternoon he had a seizure, and Drs. Odery Symes and A. Harvey were called in. It is stated that they expressed the opinion that their patient was suffering from the effects of worry, but with rest would recover. Early this morning, however, there was another seizure, and Dr. Harvey was again summoned, and was present at the death.

"The late Sir Robert Henry Symes was the eldest son of the late Mr. Henry J. Symes, and was distinctly a Bristol citizen, for he was born in Bristol in 1837, and his life was one of great usefulness in civic and commercial circles. He was educated at the Independent College at Taunton, when the Rev. Dr. Bewglass was the head master, and at an early age became associated with the

important provision business founded by his father, Mr. H. J. Symes, in Temple Street. In 1861 his father took him into partnership under the style of H. J. Symes and Son, and, on the head of the firm retiring in 1866, the business, which proved a successful one, was subsequently carried on by Mr. Symes in the name of Symes and Company. In the spring of 1898 his business was incorporated with that of Pullin, Thomas, Slade, and Co. In his childhood the deceased gentleman resided in Temple Street, and has been many times churchwarden of Temple Church during the last 25 years. Upon accepting the Mayoralty he became the first co-opted guardian elected by the Bristol Corporation of the Poor. While comparatively speaking a young man, he took the iniative step which ultimately led to the freeing of the toll bridges in St. Philip's and Prince Street—no small boon to a large number of poorer citizens. He also took a leading part in forming the West of England Merchants' Association, the existence of which was almost necessitated by the alteration in the Bankruptcy Acts ; and for very many years he held the post of chairman of this important association, succeeding Herbert Thomas. Mr. Symes also took an active interest in the movement so enthusiastically led by Mr. Samuel Plimsoll, one of the members of Parliament at that time for Derby, which resulted in legislation, which was so much needed, to prevent overloading and unseaworthy ships putting to sea.

" In 1887 Mr. Symes was elected High Sheriff of Bristol. He laid the foundation stone of the Civic Cross in College Green. During the time he held that office he took a prominent part in conjunction with Sir Charles Wathen, who was then Mayor, in entertaining the late Prince Albert Victor on the occasion of his visit to the city to unveil the Queen's Statue in College Green, and to honour the Mayor and citizens by signing the Freeman's Roll. Two years afterwards Mr. Symes became a justice of the peace, and was one of the most regular in attendance on the bench at the Bristol Police Court. In 1893 Mr. Symes

broke the spell of the popular tradition, "Once a Sheriff, never a Mayor," and found himself in the position of being chosen a Mayor whilst not a member of the Council. Many important engagements were fulfilled during his first year of office. In January, 1894, he entertained Lord Roberts of Candahar and a distinguished party of noblemen and gentlemen at the Mansion House on the occasion of his signing the Freeman's Roll. In August, 1894, in conjunction with the Mayoress, he gave a ball at the Victoria Rooms in honour of the visit to Bristol of the British Medical Association, when about 2,000 visitors attended. The Mayor and Mayoress during the same month held a reception in honour of the visit of the Incorporated Law Society to Bristol, and at the end of October he had the pleasing duty of entertaining a no less distinguished guest than Lord Rosebery, then Prime Minister of England, when he was presented with the Freedom of the City, upon the occasion of his unveiling the statue of the renowned Edmund Burke in Colston Avenue.

"It was during the winter of his second year of office that Mr. Symes made a special appeal for the unemployed and those in distress in consequence of the severity of the weather, and it is worthy of note that within three weeks a hearty response came from the public in subscriptions amounting to £5,000. He was very ill at the time, and administered the fund from the Mansion House with the assistance of the Rev. J. G. Alford. Mr. Symes was for many years one of the trustees, also a manager, of the Temple Colston Schools, and a member of the Parent Colston Society. In 1882 Mr. Symes was appointed as one of the Lord Bishop's Commissioners for Church Extension in Bristol, and again at a subsequently appointed Commission for the same important work, he was one of the very earnest members, as he also was of the Bristol Bishopric Society, whose efforts have been successful in raising the large amount required to fulfil the conditions of the Act of Parliament sanctioning the restoration of

the Ancient See of Bristol. In May, 1895, he entertained at luncheon at the Council House the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Benson, when that prelate visited the city on the occasion of the completion of the choir of the Cathedral. He held honorary Lieutenant's commission in the late Naval Volunteer force, and retains the rank of Lieutenant in the Navy. The late Sir Robert Symes was elected Mayor of Bristol first in 1893, and re-elected next year, whilst after another year had passed he again filled the mayoral chair for two successive years (1896-7), later being Lord Mayor in the years 1903-4. Thus he was Bristol's Chief Magistrate for six years, a distinction only once previously enjoyed by any citizen—John Kerle Haberfield, who was mayor in 1837-8, 1845, 1848-49-50—and a coincidence with both of these worthies is that they were knighted when filling the mayoral chair, the late Sir Robert Symes receiving his honour from the late Queen Victoria at Osborne House in January, 1898.

" Although the deceased knight was not deficient in the arts of oratory, it was as a worker rather than a talker that he preferred to act, and though a fairly regular attendant at City Council meetings—he was present at the last quarterly meeting that Tuesday—he very rarely occupied the attention of the House with long speeches. Incidentally, although the late Sir Robert was so useful a citizen, he was never elected a Councillor, though he woed the electors of St. Michael's in 1871, St. Augustine's in 1874, Redcliffe in 1880, and in 1885, and the Bristol Ward in 1886. It was in 1895 that he was elected an Alderman. When Mr. Symes first fought St. Michael's it was as a Liberal, but for many years preceding his death he was an ardent Unionist, and sat in the City Council as such. Alderman Symes was the fifth citizen of Bristol since 1850 who, having filled the office of Mayor, had the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by her late Majesty. In 1851 Mr. John Kerle Haberfield was knighted, in 1887 Alderman George Edwards, and later on Alderman Chas. Wathen, and the late Sir Joseph D. Weston.

" Alderman Symes was descended from a family that in the 16th century filled a leading position in the town of Chard, in Somersetshire, and who removed from thence in the year 1593 to Poundisford Park, Pitminster, near Taunton. In 1862 he married Miss Davey, daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Davey, of The Lawn, Taunton, by whom he had four children ; his son, Capt. H. A. Symes, of the 4th Royal Dublin Fusiliers, and formerly of the Bristol Rifles, being the only one now living. His first wife died in 1878, and he married his second wife, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Kempe, of Long Ashton, in 1880, she then being the widow of Monsieur Hurlin, Capitaine au 5 ieme Bataillon de Chasseurs à pied, who served in the Franco-Prussian war, and died in Corsica from injuries received in the war. Lady Symes survives Sir Robert, and general sympathy will be extended to her in her sudden bereavement, especially as she so gracefully assisted Sir Robert in many of the social functions associated with his several years of Mayoral office.

" During the incumbency of the late Rev. W. Cartwright the deceased knight occupied for a short time the position of Vicar's Churchwarden at Westbury's historic church ; but he had for a long period more closely associated himself with the Church life of the Temple parish in which the business was situated. On many occasions he had lent the beautiful grounds of Burfield for fetes, gymkhanas, and gatherings on behalf of various charitable objects, and the local celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, as well as those connected with the Coronation of the present King, were carried out in front of Sir Robert's finely-situated residence.

" On all sides the deepest sympathy is expressed with Lady Symes, who spends practically the whole of her leisure in performing works of charity, and who is connected with almost every parochial agency for doing good.

"THE LORD MAYOR'S EULOGIUM.

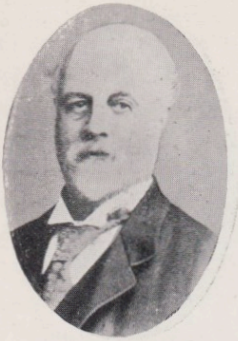
"There was a full Bench in attendance at the Bristol Police Court this morning, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Sir E. B. James) being in the chair, whilst the other magistrates present were Sir Herbert Ashman, Dr. E. H. Cook, Messrs. G. E. Davies, J. Howell, S. Humphries, F. Tribe, A. G. Verrier, G. B. Britton, and S. C. Tryon.

"There were also present in the court Mr. H. R. Wansbrough and Mr. E. J. Watson, representing the legal profession; the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. T. Holmes Gore), the Chief Constable (Mr. James Cann), the Deputy Chief Constable (Mr. Chas. Croker), and a number of other gentlemen in official positions in the city.

"The Lord Mayor, directly the magistrates had taken up their positions on the Bench, all standing, said: 'Before we commence the proceedings of the Court this morning I regret that I have to allude to the sudden death of one of my colleagues, who sat on this Bench for nearly 20 years—for I think it was in 1889 that he was made magistrate—I refer to the late Sir Robert Symes. I have been in conversation with a relative of his, who told me that it was not until yesterday afternoon that he was taken ill, and that he died early this morning. I am sure we all regret it, for we know of the love of Sir Robert Symes for the city and his fellow-citizens. It is with sincere regret that I have to inform you of the death of Sir Robert H. Symes. It has come upon us with painful suddenness—within a few days he has been amongst us actively engaged in his duties as a citizen and Churchman, for it was but on Sunday week that, as churchwarden, he received the Lord Mayor, High Sheriff, and Corporation at Temple Church, on the occasion of the annual civic visit, and still more recently, on Tuesday last, he attended the City Council. Born in Bristol, his life has been one of great activity both in commercial and civic affairs. He was successful in business, but it is of his public career that I would like to say a few words. He spent much time

in the interests of his fellow citizens. He initiated the freeing of the toll bridges of St. Philip and Prince St. He took an active interest in the events which led to legislation to prevent the overloading of vessels and preventing unseaworthy ships going to sea. In 1887 he was elected Sheriff of the city, and in 1893 for the first time Mayor. He was elected in 1894, and in November, 1895, he was elected an Alderman. Again in 1896 he was chosen as Mayor, and then a fourth time served his city as Mayor in 1897. After these four years' service he was knighted by her late Majesty Queen Victoria on January 25th, 1898. Twice again after his knighthood he filled the office of Chief Magistrate, for he was Lord Mayor in 1902 and 1903. For six years he filled the Civic chair, a distinction only once previously enjoyed by any citizen—Sir John Kerle Haberfield. It is difficult in the brief time I have had before coming here to summarise all the good works in which he was engaged, but we remember the spceial appeal in the severe winter of his second year of office, and of his long connection with the Temple Colston Schools and other institutions. He (the Lord Mayor) could not say more now, but in expressing their deep regret at the death of Sir Robert their hearts went out to his widow, who was associated with him all through the years during which he was Mayor and Lord Mayor of the city.'

" Sir Herbert Ashman remarked that he, in common with his brother magistrate, felt keenly the loss of Sir Robert. As recently as yesterday they were aware that he had been walking in his garden, so the end must have been sudden. He endorsed all that the Lord Mayor had said as to the active work of Sir Robert Symes, as he had been closely associated with him for some years. His heart was fully in sympathy with city work, and he gave up his own business when he took up that work. Everything he did in Bristol was for some good end. One thing that occurred to his own mind, and something that he thought they could always thank him for, was the finding



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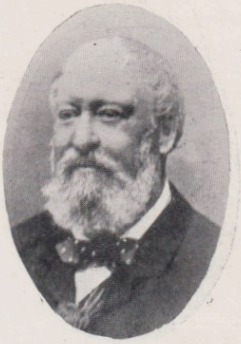

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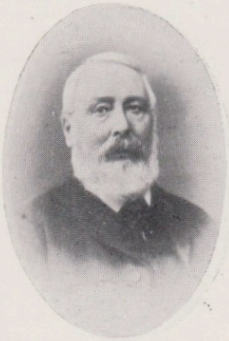

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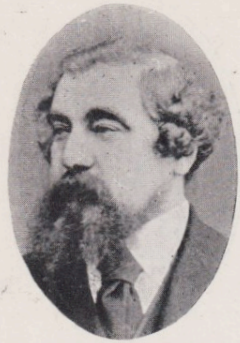

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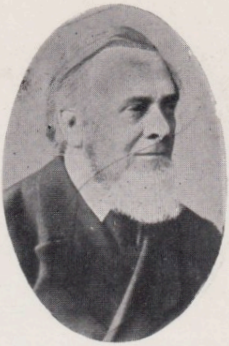

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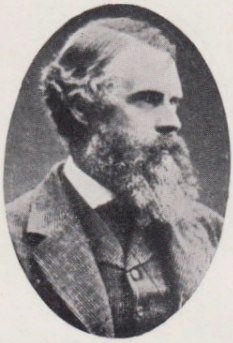

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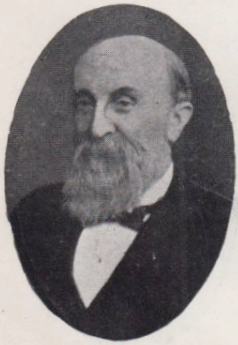

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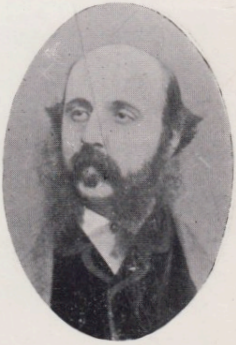

George Wolfe

of a site for the Cabot Tower, which they had much difficulty in deciding. Sir Herbert added that he agreed with the Lord Mayor's sympathy which they all felt for Lady Symes. He thought there was no Lady Mayoress who had served the office in the city of Bristol who had done so well as Sir Robert's widow. She was always at her husband's right hand in doing her utmost for the city.

" Mr. Holmes Gore, as Clerk to the Justices, said he would convey to Lady Symes and family the expressions that had been made use of at the Court by the previous speakers about the affection and respect for their late friend and senior magistrate, Sir Robert Symes. He also asked on behalf of himself and staff to add their sincere sympathy and admiration of the character of the late chief magistrate, who was of all men perhaps the most careful and most tender-hearted of magistrates who ever sat on that Bench.

" Mr. H. R. Wansbrough, on behalf of the professional men, said that having heard the facts about Sir Robert Symes uttered by the previous speakers, he endorsed all that had been said. Deceased had a very keen and careful disposition, and whenever he sat on the Bench was determined to find out the truth and to administer justice. He felt sure the recollections of the good work of Sir Robert would be with them at all times.

" The Lord Mayor further added that he had only just time to send a hurried message to Lady Symes on behalf of himself and the Lady Mayoress, and in it he added that this was the sympathy of the whole of the citizens. He concluded by saying that he had done what they would all wish, by placing the Lord Mayor's Chapel at Lady Symes's disposal for use for the funeral.

" At to-day's meeting of the Bristol Health Committee, the Chairman (Dr. Colston Wintle) said he should like to refer to the sad and sudden death of Sir Robert Symes. They were all sorry to lose one who was an honoured and respected citizen, and who had done so

much for the city during so many years. He felt they could not proceed with the business of the day without alluding to the matter.

"Mr. Anstey remarked that, as one of the oldest members of the committee, he should like to endorse what the chairman had said. Last Wednesday he was at the Watch Committee meeting with Sir Robert, who was then in good health. That was not the time to go fully into his merits, but Bristol had lost one who for many years had identified himself as Mayor and in other ways with the work of the city. They could ill afford to lose such a man."

"FUNERAL TO-DAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1908.

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DEEP PUBLIC SYMPATHY.

"The funeral of the late Sir Robert Henry Symes, who was six times chief magistrate of the City, and who died somewhat suddenly at his residence at Westbury, on Tuesday, took place this afternoon at Westbury-on-Trym, amidst many signs of mourning and respect. Those who gathered at the church and the graveside represented all shades of political and religious thought, as well as practically all grades of society. The deceased knight was a good citizen and a kindly neighbour, and there was every evidence of that fact at to-day's obsequies.

"The funeral procession left 'Burfield' shortly before 3 o'clock, and was met at the parish church by a very large assemblage of those who had shared the trials and honours of public life with the deceased gentleman. The Vicar of Westbury (Rev. Dr. Wilkins) conducted the funeral service, with the assistance of Canon Alford and the Rev. W. Welchman (Vicar of Temple, of which church the late Sir Robert Symes was for many years a warden). The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was also present, but Canon Tetley had sent a letter regretting that he was prevented from attending.

"The mourners were:—Mr. Archibald Symes (son), Mr. Harry Symes (brother), Mr. C. H. Symes (nephew), Mr. William Symes (cousin), Dr. T. Odery Symes (cousin), Mr. D. S. Symes (cousin), Mr. W. T. Kempe (brother-in-law), Mr. C. R. Kempe (brother-in-law), Mr. G. Scrase, Mr. T. Osborne, Mr. T. Kempe, Mr. S. Kempe, Mr. M. Kempe, and Mr. E. Kempe (nephews), and Dr. Harvey.

"The Lord Mayor of Bristol (Alderman Sir E. B. James) was present, also the High Sheriff (Col. Cary Batten) and the Under-Sheriff (Mr. Guy Chilton), as well as many members of the City Council and Mr. J. A. Bush (city sword bearer).

"Others present in an official capacity were the Town Clerk (Mr. E. J. Taylor), Mr. S. Young (representing the Magistrates' Clerk), Col. Yabbicom (City Engineer), and the following clergy: Canon Prideaux, Canon Weight, Rev. A. M. Dewing, and Dr. Glover, also Mr. R. C. Tombs, I.S.O. (ex-surveyor of Bristol Post Office), Mr. James Cann (chief constable), Supt. Hazell.

"There were many ladies present in the church, which was crowded, amongst them being Lady Howell Davies.

"The choir from Temple Church and many of the officers connected with that parish were present, besides the Blue Girls and Blue Boys from Temple Colston School."

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## HENRY TAYLOR,

Long the senior member of the firm of Taylor & Low Bros., timber merchants, was so much away from Bristol travelling on behalf of his firm, that both his partners were probably much better known to his fellow citizens than he was, and to many people it came as a great surprise when they heard that Henry Taylor had been chosen Mayor of Bristol. But Henry Taylor, who was a big, good-

looking man, wearing a good deal of curly hair, beard and moustache, &c., had been too long "on the road" to be anything like diffident or shy, and went through his year of office in a very creditable manner, in which he was ably assisted by his excellent wife, and they dispensed a good deal of hospitality from their house in Prince's Buildings, Clifton, not at all daunted by succeeding one of the Mayors with much larger means, who had made the office very difficult to fill. Henry Taylor did not survive his Mayoralty by many years, and passed away, under the allotted age of man, regretted by a number of congenial friends and acquaintances, leaving a widow, but no family, to bewail his loss.

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## JOHN HOWELL GOODENOUGH TAYLOR.

As these sketches are arranged in alphabetical order, it so happens that the son follows the father! And, in one respect, their careers agree, as the son for some years held a position in a different sphere, the Civil Service, before coming to Bristol to take up newspaper work, of which, however, he had some experience as a London Correspondent, and in the Press Gallery of the House of Commons.

It need hardly be said that Goodenough is also good enough looking, always spruce and smart in appearance and manner, very upright in bearing, sociable and genial in disposition, and a universal favourite everywhere. A good and ready speaker, he makes a capital chairman of *The Bristol Times and Mirror*, Limited, and has put in a lot of useful work in that capacity; and in connection with the Bristol Dogs' Home, of which he was one of the founders; and for years was an officer in the Bristol Naval Volunteers. His musical sketches have always afforded pleasure whenever he has been prevailed upon to give them at some of the festive gatherings where he is so often

seen. He lives with his family in Pembroke Road, Clifton, where much sympathy was lately felt with him on the death of his wife, and the large gathering of mourners, and floral offerings at the funeral, testified to the high regard and esteem felt for the bereaved family, who have for many generations been associated with the Bristol district, and held there in high respect.

The writer deeply regrets hearing of the illness of Goodenough Taylor, and, with hosts of his friends, trusts he may be speedily restored to health.

The writer has left the foregoing sketch of the late Goodenough Taylor just as it was written some time before the announcement of his lamented death, and herewith reproduces the notices of him and his funeral which appeared in some of the local papers. Very seldom, if ever, for a man of his age, has the departure of anyone caused more genuine and universal sorrow, and the writer thinks he may be consulting the wishes of the numerous friends of the deceased by giving detailed accounts which appeared at the time of his withdrawal from the scenes where he had so long been popular and esteemed :—

"DEATH OF MR. GOODENOUGH TAYLOR.

"We deeply regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Goodenough Taylor, chairman of *The Bristol Times and Mirror*, Limited, and to all on the staff of this paper a valued colleague and kind-hearted friend. A few months ago Mr. Taylor underwent a very serious double operation in London at the hands of Mr. Henry Butlin, of Harley Street. For two months he was in a nursing home, and though he was able to leave London for Walton, Clevedon, in the middle of July, he never made the recovery it was hoped might follow such careful treatment. He sank to his rest yesterday afternoon, after much suffering, borne with great fortitude and without complaint, at the comparatively early age of sixty, following within five months his wife, whose death he greatly mourned.

" Mr. John Howell Goodenough Taylor was born in July, 1847, and was the third of his family to be associated with Bristol journalism, being the eldest son of Mr. T. D. Taylor, and the grandson of Mr. John Taylor. His mother was a daughter of Dr. Goodenough, one-time head master of the Bristol Grammar School. He himself went to Blundell's famous school, as his father had gone before him, and as his son did after him. And he never lost his love for the school. For many years he gave a silver medal for oratory. He regularly attended the Old Boys' Festival, and a few years ago was greatly delighted to take a seat on the governing body. He contributed to the book of " Blundell Worthies " published the other day, taking Colonel Chesney as his subject.

" On leaving school Mr. Taylor naturally took to journalism, and joined the staff of the *Globe* for a time. He wrote for that paper a description of the Fenian outrage at Clerkenwell Prison in December, 1867, when by an explosion intended to release Burke and Casey six persons lost their lives, six others died soon afterwards from injuries, and five deaths were indirectly due to the same cause. A hundred and twenty people were injured, and £20,000 damage was done to property. Mr. Taylor's " copy " was written and published in record time, and was regarded as a considerable feat in journalism. He afterwards entered the Press Gallery of the House of Commons for the *Morning Post*, and remained a valued member of the staff of that paper until he came to join his father at Bristol. During that time Mr. Taylor saw much of the political giants, and recorded many of the important utterances of Derby, Disraeli, Gladstone, Salisbury, Granville, Lowe, Harcourt, Cross, Hicks Beach, Randolph Churchill, Childers, Hartington, and others who made less enduring reputations on the floor of the House. In later years, at Bristol, he could sometimes be induced to lecture on some of the famous people he had met in and out of Parliament, for his activities were by no means confined to the Gallery of the House of

Commons. While engaged there five nights a week, he filled in his days, from 10 to 4, at Somerset House, holding an important post in the old Legacy Duty Office. He also wrote London letters on political and social topics for a Northern paper and for the *Times and Mirror*. There are still a few of his old colleagues in the Gallery who remember with pride the quantity and the quality of his work, and with affection his goodness of heart. There was no more popular man in the Gallery than he. And he was as proud of his profession as any member of it could be. He felt it a special compliment to be invited a few months ago to record his impressions of the old days at the annual Gallery dinner, at which Mr. Birrell was chief guest, and was grieved that under doctor's orders he was obliged to decline.

"Upon the retirement of the late Mr. Joseph Leech from the *Times and Mirror* in 1882, Mr. Goodenough Taylor came to Bristol to join the new firm of Messrs. T. D. Taylor, Son, and Hawkins, as it was then styled. He spent the remainder of his life here in active journalism, becoming chairman of the proprietary when, in 1902, the concern was converted into *The Bristol Times and Mirror*, Limited. Mr. Taylor at once took up public work in the city, and it was his lot and pleasure to serve many causes.

"Ever ready to do anything to promote the welfare of even the humblest in the profession, Mr. Taylor early became a member and a generous contributor to the London (National) Newspaper Press Fund. He served on the Council of that body for many years up to the time of his death, and was, indeed, at a meeting only a few months before. He represented Bristol and the West of England so well that he was nominated for election again and again without a sign of opposition. When, two or three years ago, a local branch of the fund was formed, Mr. Taylor became chairman. He was also a life member of the Bristol and West of England Press Fund, and a popular speaker at the annual banquets. Until quite lately few Bristol men were so much in demand as after-dinner

speakers as Mr. Goodenough Taylor; and he used to say that he had responded for the Navy and the Press until he had become weary of the sound of his own voice, and he would beg to be allowed to 'sit and enjoy himself.' Both in writing and in speech, Mr. Taylor had a bright, witty style. He never missed the humorous side of anything.

"When the Institute of Journalists was founded—and, as an incorporation, that occurred in Bristol—Mr. Goodenough Taylor was instantly interested. He was elected a Fellow, a mark of distinction that he thoroughly appreciated. The Institute formulated doctrines and laid down principles of conduct which Mr. Taylor had preached and acted up to all his life. And he was much gratified that his profession should take its proper rank with a Royal Charter. Often he served on the Local Committee. Twice he was chairman of the district, the second time being in 1903, when the Institute met in Conference here. The recollection of that successful, happy week remains with hundreds of journalists all over the United Kingdom, and it need hardly be said that thanks and congratulations were showered upon the chairman. More than once Mr. Taylor was elected a vice-president, and he might have had the coveted presidency in that Bristol Conference year, but he firmly declined nomination because he could not spare the time for the duties. The honour fell to his friend, Mr. Nicol Dunn, then editor of the *Morning Post*. Mr. Goodenough Taylor's father was one of the distinguished journalists who signed the petition for the Royal Charter. Last year Mr. Taylor was one of a few representive British journalists invited to make a tour in Sweden, and was presented to the King, who talked with him for a considerable time about Bristol, of which his Majesty had recollections.

"From his youth to the end of his life Mr. Taylor was an enthusiastic playgoer, and enjoyed the friendship of the late Sir Henry Irving, Mr. Toole, and many other of the leading actors of his time. He presided at the public

luncheon given to Sir Henry Irving in Bristol, in June, 1904, and proposed the toast of 'Our Guest.' Many hundreds of columns of dramatic criticism came from Mr. Taylor's pen, and he was almost invariably present at important first nights in Town. Few men now writing on the drama have a wider knowledge of the subject than had Mr. Taylor, and it was most interesting to hear him dilate on some of the plays and players of a generation ago.

"Soon after settling in Bristol he accepted a commission in the old Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, and quickly became efficient and popular. When the force was disbanded Mr. Taylor never ceased to agitate for its revival, believing that the Admiralty had made a great mistake in flouting the services of a large number of keen Volunteers in our seaports. In the end, and largely through his efforts, the Admiralty appointed a committee of experts to consider the best form of bringing the force to life again Sub-Lieutenant Goodenough Taylor was appointed a member of that Committee, and rendered it valuable service. The present successful corps of Royal Naval Volunteers is the result.

"To the Conservative cause Mr. Taylor rendered service as a journalist which, in Bristol and the West, at any rate, cannot well be over-estimated. He was long a member of the executive of the Western Union of Conservative Associations and the Committee of the Bristol West Conservative Association, resigning the latter post only because he went to reside at Clevedon. He frequently appeared on the platform, and his wide acquaintance with politics brought many persons to him for advice and help.

"Sport in a variety of phases claimed his interest. For twenty years he was president of the Bohemian Cricket Club, and received, some time ago, from the members, a handsome loving-cup, in recognition of his help to the club. He was an ardent yachtsman, and owned the Phœnix, sailing it for several successive seasons in the Bristol Channel. He and his boat were as well known at Penarth and Tenby as at Portishead, where the boat was

laid up in the winter. Many of his friends have spent pleasant days with him on the Phœnix. He was a keen sailor, and knew the Channel well. He could fly the burgee of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, and was also a member of the Penarth Club, being Vice-Commodore.

" He enjoyed a day's shooting or a run with the Clifton Foot Beagles, and sometimes judged at Saltford Regatta.

" A lover and owner of dogs, Mr. Taylor was a strong supporter of the Bristol Dogs' Home, and chairman for a long period. The institution began in a modest way in 1887, and he was rejoiced to see it gradually become one of the best of its kind in the country. No doubt it was responsible for keeping Bristol free from muzzling orders.

" In this connection, too, may be mentioned his work as a committeeman of the local Zoological Society. Mr. Taylor gave much attention to the fine collection of animals, birds, &c., at Clifton.

" Following once more in the steps of his father, Mr. Taylor, in 1902, filled the chair of the Grateful Society, and collected £845 for that excellent Colston charity. He was on the committee, and almost invariably dined with the society.

" In 1886 he succeeded to the Mastership of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, when Alderman J. Fuller Eberle and Mr. William Henderson were his Wardens. Another city church in which Mr. Taylor was much interested was St. Nicholas', and he was at one time churchwarden of the amalgamated parish of St. Leonard.

" Whenever any great movement was afoot in which leading citizens were called to take a part, Mr. Taylor's name would be found on the lists of committees. When agricultural and scientific societies visited Bristol he served on the Reception Committees. Only quite recently he was called in, with a few others, by the Lord Mayor for consultation on the subject of an invitation to the Royal Society in 1909. At the Jubilee and Coronation celebrations he was an active member of the executives.

"A subscriber to the Commercial Rooms, Mr. Taylor joined the committee, and in due course was made president. He was a long-standing member of the Constitutional Clubs in London and Bristol, and of the Press Club in London. Once or twice in recent years he took the chair at dinners of the latter club.

"Mr. Taylor leaves a son—Mr. L. Goodenough Taylor, who is a director of *The Times and Mirror*, Limited—and two daughters.

"The funeral will take place at Portbury on Saturday afternoon, at 2.45. The family request that no flowers be sent."

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"APPRECIATION BY FRIENDS.

"The *Western Daily Press*, in its notice of Mr. Goodenough Taylor's death published to-day, says :—'The announcement made in another column of the death of Mr. Goodenough Taylor will be received with great regret by his very large circle of friends, but it is fitting that some allusion should be made to it by those who, like himself, have been engaged in newspaper work in this city, and in the course of that work have often met him. Mr. Taylor was a loyal and honourable competitor; he was a delightful friend and companion. Few men have been able so completely to put aside political opinions, and to enjoy intercourse with those who viewed public affairs from another standpoint. And this was because of the variety of his interests, his wide experience of men and affairs, and the natural charm of a bright and sweet-tempered disposition. The memory of many pleasant hours is revived by the event which obliterates all differences, and leaves permanent only the impress of a man who in all the relations of a life of great activity was emphatically a true-hearted gentleman.'

"The *Bristol Mercury* has the following :—'The death of Mr. Goodenough Taylor has permanently re-

moved from the stage of Bristol activities a gentleman who took the keenest interest in them. Kindliest and most accessible of men, his loss will be felt in half-a-dozen widely-differing spheres of Bristol life. We desire to express our sincere condolence, in this moment of their bereavement, with the proprietors and staff of the *Bristol Times and Mirror*. Mr. Taylor was a staunch and outspoken Conservative, and, in that sense, a firm opponent of the principles advocated in this paper. Political differences, however, were never permitted by him to interfere with personal relations, and so to-day in the world of Bristol journalism there is a common sense of having lost, not a rival, but a colleague; one in whom urbanity and tact, the expression in everyday life of a singularly amiable character, united to smooth away asperities and to promote cordial understandings. Apart from his political work, Mr. Taylor was a friend of every movement that made for social betterment. The interest he took in questions of national defence and the share he had in the re-establishment of the Royal Naval Volunteers in Bristol will be sorrowfully recalled to-day. We have lost a good citizen.' "

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" The Late Mr. Goodenough Taylor.

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" Funeral at Portbury.

" The funeral of Mr. Goodenough Taylor, late chairman of *The Bristol Times and Mirror*, Limited, took place on Saturday afternoon at Portbury. The simple but impressive service was attended by a large number of representative citizens, joining with many who had been associated with the deceased in journalism in the last tribute of respect. At 1.45 the remains were borne from the residence, ' Clonmore,' Walton Park, Clevedon, upon an open car, which was followed to Portbury by two carriages.

The coffin was covered by a pall bearing the sacred monogram, and upon it had been placed a full-length cross of choice flowers from the immediate relatives of the deceased. The remains were enclosed in an elm shell, with an outer coffin of unpolished English oak, the brass furniture being of early English design. In accordance with Mr. Taylor's own wishes, everything was of a simple and unostentatious character. The inscription upon the coffin read as follows :

JOHN HOWELL GOODENOUGH TAYLOR.

BORN JULY 4TH, 1847.

DIED SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1907.

" The principal mourners were Mr. L. Goodenough Taylor (son), Miss E. O. Taylor (daughter), Miss Josephine Taylor (daughter), Mr. H. Ward Taylor (brother), Miss Taylor (sister), Father Gerald (cousin), Mr. W. N. Ley (cousin), Mr. Lionel Ley (cousin), and Mr. Rowland Ley (cousin).

" Wreaths were sent by the deceased's children and daughter-in-law, by his father (Mr. T. D. Taylor), his brother and sister-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. H. Ward Taylor), his sisters (Miss Taylor and Miss Isabel Taylor), Master ' Dick ' Taylor, a cross from Mr. R. Henry Taylor (uncle), the Messrs. Ley (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Marriott, Capt. A. S. Marriott, Mrs. Sunderland, Lord Glenesk and the staff of the *Morning Post*, and Frank and Annie Gegg.

" The funeral cortège reached Portbury shortly before three o'clock. The officiating clergy were the Rev. R. G. Ley (Father Gerald, of the Cowley Fathers), a cousin of the deceased ; the Rev. B. C. Hunt (vicar of St. John's, Clevedon), the Rev. M. C. Proby (vicar of Portbury), and the Rev. Vernon Holt (vicar of St. Nicholas', Bristol). Mr. Goodenough Taylor had held a sub-lieutenant's commission in the old Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, and was an honorary officer in the new Royal Naval Volunteers. It was appropriate, therefore, that the bearers should be representative of those corps. They were Chief Petty

Officers G. Wigens, W. K. Watts, A. Ross, A. E. Maggs, and Howard Hatcher (R.N.A.V.), and J. R. Bell (R.N.V.). In the church the principal portions of the service were read by the Rev. B. C. Hunt, and at the grave-side Father Gerald officiated. The interment took place in the family grave.

" Mr. T. D. Taylor very much regretted that, owing to his being confined to the house by a protracted illness, he was unable to attend the funeral of his son. Mr. Walter Reid was unable to be present, also through being confined to the house. Mr. Herbert W. Hawkins, a director of *The Times and Mirror*, Limited, was prevented by a professional engagement from attending.

" Amongst those who were present at the funeral were Colonel E. H. Llewellyn, Colonel J. H. Woodward (representing the Grateful Society, of which Mr. Taylor was a past president), Alderman J. Fuller Eberle, Alderman C. J. Lowe, Admiral Close, Mr. H. L. Vaughan (Master of the Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, of which the deceased was a past Master), Mr. A. J. Alexander (secretary and manager Bristol Water Works), Mr. W. Henderson, Mr. C. Henderson, Mr. Louis C. Danger, Mr. T. Cartwright, the Rev. A. N. Blatchford, the Rev. N. de Jersey, the Rev. A. Grant Lane, Surgeon Tivy and Mr. Milton Lewis (representing the R.N.A.V.), Mr. T. Paul and Mr. G. M. Clune (Redland Habitation of the Primrose League), Mr. F. Wood Tricks (hon. sec., Bristol West Conservative Association), Mr. J. P. C. Coast (representing the Council of the Newspaper Press Fund, on which Mr. Taylor was the West of England representative), Messrs. E. C. Lucas, J. A. Bush, Allan McArthur, Ivor Dunlop, E. T. Parker (hon. secretary of the Dogs' Home, of which institution the deceased was many years chairman), J. M. Chute, Josiah Green, Lorin Lathrop, F. W. Forster (Canadian Pacific Railway), the Chief Constable (Mr. James Cann, president of the Devonians' Society, of which Mr. Taylor was one of the founders), Mr. C. H. Lane, Mr. Frank Leigh, Mr. W. T. Parker, Mr. J. Amos, Mr. G. T. Lilley (Penarth

Yacht Club, of which the deceased was a member), Mr. F. James, Mr. T. E. Hatherly (Portishead), Mr. Harold Webb, Mr. J. H. Board (Gloucestershire C.C.), Mr. R. G. Hort, Mr. O. Haywood (Portbury), and others.

"The *Western Daily Press* was represented by Mr. W. Nichol Reid, Mr. W. E. Hicks, Mr. W. Redwood, and Mr. H. M. Arrowsmith; the *Bristol Mercury* by Mr. Percy Clarke, Mr. G. E. Nuttall, and Mr. J. Austin; the *Clifton Chronicle* by Mr. A. G. Austin.

"From the offices of *The Times and Mirror*, Limited, came the following:—Mr. Walter Hawkins (managing director), Messrs. C. Wells, Frank Burrow, E. J. Shellard, W. H. Phillips, H. E. Roslyn (hon. secretary, Bristol District of the Newspaper Press Fund), C. H. Reed, R. J. Sellick, G. Bateman, C. R. G. Davis, W. T. Thompson, S. J. Hobbs (representing sub-editorial and reporting staffs); Messrs. C. Hawkins, James Pope, Charles Jeffrey (chief clerk), W. J. Vicary, E. H. Luton, A. E. Ricketts (commercial department); W. Pratt (overseer *Times and Mirror*), T. A. Lewis (father of the chapel), W. J. Robinson, H. Diamond, W. H. Smeath, H. T. Roberts, W. J. Leworthy (composing and machine departments); J. E. Shellard (publisher), E. J. Beer (manager general printing department), W. Verrier, G. Sweet, and W. Payne.

"Mr. G. E. Nuttall (president) and Mr. W. Redwood (hon. secretary) represented the Bristol and West of England Press Fund, of which Mr. Taylor was a life member). Mr. H. E. Roslyn (hon. treasurer) represented the Bristol District of the Institute of Journalists, the chairman, Mr. H. C. Grimwade (Bath), and the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Slater Stone, being prevented, by professional engagements, from attending. For a similar reason, Mr. R. J. Michie (editorial staff) was unable to be present. Mr. A. E. Elmes, late Sub-Lieutenant R.N.A.V., was unavoidably absent, and Mr. H. W. K. Wait also telegraphed an apology for non-attendance. The Bohemian Cricket Club, of which Mr. Taylor was for many years president, was represented by Mr. H. M. Arrowsmith.

As a token of respect, flags were hoisted at half-mast on several public buildings in Bristol, including St. Nicholas Church.

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"EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY.

"Letters and telegrams of sympathy have been received by the family from a large number of friends, including Lord Glenesk, Sir Charles Cave, Bart., Sir George White. Bart., the Sheriff of Bristol, Professor Morris Travers, Rev. A. B. Beaven, Rev. A. N. Blatchford, Dr. W. J, Tivy, Mr. P. A. Harris, L.C.C., Mr. Pike (House of Commons), the directors of the *Bristol Mercury*, Limited, Mr. E. Robbins, manager of the Press Association; Mr. Guy L'Estrange, Central Press; Mr. G. Booth, hon. secretary London Press Club; Mr. R. C. Tombs, I.S.O.,Messrs. George Alfred Wills, Wilfred Wait, Averay Jones, W. H. Hudd (Weston-super-Mare), Harold Lewis (Northampton), Walter Grogan (Ealing), Tom Cartwright, E. Cartwright, A. J. Alexander, E. T. Wedmore, James Macready Chute, Ben Hickman, Noel T. Methley, E. C. Lucas, &c."

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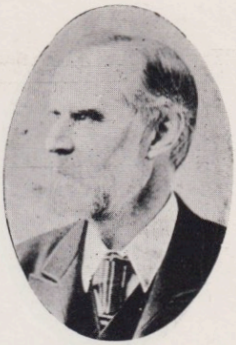
"SIR,—At a meeting of the Ancient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers, held this morning, there was a unanimous expression of deep regret at the loss of Mr. Good-enough Taylor—a much-respected Past-Master of this society, and I was requested to convey to you the sincere sympathy felt by his late colleagues in the work of the society for you and your family in your sad loss.

"Yours very truly,

"HENRY L. VAUGHAN, Master.

"September 27."

J. W. Arrowsmith



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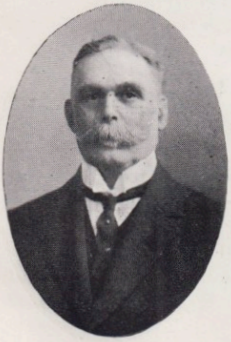

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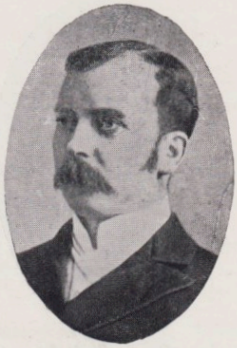

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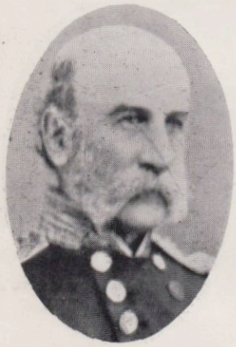

Admiral F. A. Close

Col. E. Colston

"SIR,—Will you allow me to express to you how very deeply the Bristol Division of Naval Volunteers feels the loss of its able representative, Mr. Goodenough Taylor? We appreciate the work which he has done for us in the past as being that of our most faithful supporter.

"I have the honour, sir, to be your obedient servant,

"CLIFFORD T. BAKER, Acting C.O."

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"SIR,—It was with profound regret I saw by your paper that Mr. Goodenough Taylor had passed away.

"By his death the Bristol Dogs' Home has sustained one of the heaviest blows it has experienced since its establishment.

"When the suggestion of a Dogs' Home for Bristol was proposed, 21 years ago, he was one of the three who helped me to start the institution, and I need scarcely say that, ever since, he devoted much of his valuable time in promoting its welfare.

"I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

"EDWARD T. PARKER, Hon. Sec.

"September 27, 1907."

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"SIR,—It was with much regret that the announcement of Mr. Goodenough Taylor's death was read in the public press.

"The railway staff has lost a most genial and sympathetic gentleman, who always displayed a keen interest in the welfare of the service, and was one of the strongest supporters and patrons of the Bristol G.W.R. guards' annual dinners. On behalf of the G.W.R. staff I desire to

tender sincere condolence with the family, also the proprietors and staff of the *Bristol Times and Mirror* in their sad bereavement.

"Yours sincerely,

"H. D. POOLE, Passenger Guard.

"G.W.R. Passenger Goods' Dept., Bristol Station, September 27, 1907."

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## THOMAS DAVID TAYLOR

We think was the eldest son of the late John Taylor, so long the respected editor and proprietor of the *Bristol Mirror*, and although we have no doubt he was duly christened Thomas, has never been called otherwise than "Tom" in the hearing of the writer, who believes that anyone inquiring for Thomas Taylor in Bristol would be directed to apply to some different person altogether. Although associated from his infancy with the Fourth Estate, our friend for some years did not take any active part in connection with it, and it has been mainly since the lamented death of his late father that he joined the popular Joseph Leech in navigating the *Times and Mirror*, then, as now, a leading provincial paper of wide circulation and influence. Need we describe the appearance of our subject, with his genial, round face of florid complexion, abundance of curly, grey hair, beard and moustache, as he is well-known as the very acme and prince of good fellows, and probably one of the most popular men in the press world, besides in a vast crowd of the outside public, by whom he is held in high regard and esteem. He married the daughter of the late Dr. Goodenough, and has three sons and two daughters, is a widower, and lives at Redland. Much water has run under the bridge since Tom Taylor opened his eyes on this scene, and he must be one

of the seniors of the newspaper world. May his shadow never be less.

Since the above sketch was written, and when it was in type, and the book on the eve of publication, the writer has heard with much sorrow of the death of his old friend. He, therefore, is unable to alter the sketch, but thinks many of his readers may like to preserve the excellent obituary notice of the lamented deceased which appeared in his paper on 7th December, 1908, the day following his death, and which was evidently from the pen of one who knew and loved him well :—

"DEATH OF MR. THOMAS D. TAYLOR, 6TH DECEMBER, 1908.

"It is with the deepest sorrow we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas David Taylor, so long associated with the *Times and Mirror*, and previously with that old and popular weekly journal, *The Bristol Mirror*. Mr. Taylor retired from active journalism nearly seven years ago. He was in his 86th year—having been born February 6th, 1823—and died at his residence, Hillside, Redland Green, yesterday morning. He had from time to time been rather alarmingly ill in the past few years, but his wonderful constitution enabled him to recover again and again. Mr. Taylor was a native of Bristol, and was educated at the famous Blundell's School, to which in due course went his eldest son and his grandson, Mr. L. Goodenough Taylor. It fell to Mr. T. D. Taylor's lot some twenty years ago to preside at the Old Blundelians' annual gathering, and his happy, witty speech, reminiscent of days before the present handsome buildings were erected, will still be remembered. His son, Mr. Goodenough Taylor, became a governor of the school.

"Mr. Taylor has frequently been termed the doyen of Bristol journalism. We may be permitted to say he was all that that phrase means in its best sense. He had great natural abilities, which he cultivated so well that he was able to hold his own with the most scholarly of

journalists. He was a lover of the classics, and his writings of years ago show that, but without any suggestion of ostentatious parade. The son of a journalist, he inherited all the instincts and qualities that go to make a man successful in that arduous profession. He was a shrewd judge of men and things, could take in a situation rapidly, and promptly initiate a proper course for his paper to take. It was his lot to outlive the majority of his contemporaries, but he was a man who made friends all through his long life, and not the least loyal are those who have enjoyed the privilege of his friendship for comparatively few years.

"Yet he was not a man to sacrifice a principle or to lightly abandon a carefully-formed opinion. He never, though at one time much before the public, sought to be all things to all men. He was both the most fearless and the most generous of opponents. He never fllinched from what he conceived to be honourable duty, not even though that way lay troubles and pecuniary loss. He had a supreme contempt for all sham and humbug, and relentlessly exposed it whenever the public interest demanded.

"His death is regarded as a personal loss by the directors and many of the staff of this journal, who have served with him and esteemed him for periods of twenty, thirty, and more years. They will not soon forget their old chief—his unfailing encouragement, his thousand-and-one acts of consideration and kindness, nor the enthusiasm with which he infused them for their work on behalf of the journal and its readers.

"And outside this office there will be many more who will feel genuine regret at the loss of so bright and genial a spirit as that which has just gone. To his countless words of cheer, his almost equally numerous deeds of true charity, they will, we doubt not, be ready to testify. They, too, have lost a friend whom, though he had reached such a ripe age, they will feel they can ill spare. Few men were so gifted in society as Mr. Taylor. He had a charming

manner, and an endless flow of good stories, which he told admirably, being a mimic of the first rank. He could make a graceful speech on the spur of the moment, flavouring it with apt quotation and ready wit. He could say smart things without wounding, and his repartee was delightful. He had known many interesting people whose names are familiar in men's mouths, such as Mark Lemon and Douglas Jerrold. He had frequently seen the great Duke of Wellington, and he witnessed his funeral procession. Mr. Taylor had a striking personality, and his fine head, with a profusion of beautiful white hair, attracted notice wherever he appeared.

"Though ever ready to lend assistance to any good object, Mr. Taylor never sought after position or distinction; and when, as often happened in the long course of his life, they were pressed upon him, he usually declined to accept. But he made an exception in the case of the Grateful Society, and took the chair as President in 1886, his collection amounting to £902. He was the Father of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, having been elected a member in 1846.

"He married Miss Goodenough, daughter of Dr. J. J. Goodenough, head master of the Grammar School 1812–1845, a man who in his day was a leading citizen. Mrs. Taylor predeceased her husband by several years. One son (Mr. Henry Ward Taylor) and two daughters survive. The eldest son, Mr. Goodenough Taylor, died last year. One of Mr. Taylor's brothers (the late Rev. R. H. Taylor) was for a long time vicar of Kemble, and another was for many years a banker at Tiverton, Mr. Robert Henry Taylor, who died in retirement at Lynton last January. Both reached an advanced age.

"CONTEMPORARY APPRECIATION.

"The *Western Daily Press* of to-day says:—The prolonged illness of Mr. T. D. Taylor has terminated fatally, and a long and honourable career has ended. Mr.

Taylor had many interests in life, and before increasing years robbed him of actvity he was one of the best known citizens of Bristol. And certainly he was one of the most popular. His wit, his store of anecdotes, his reminiscences made him welcome in every company, but men who knew him best esteemed him not only for these, but still more for the sincerity, the kindliness of heart, the delightful urbanity and courtesy that positively endeared him to all who were often brought in contact with him. It is given to few men to win such real affection as that which Mr. Taylor gained so easily, and he received this tribute from men who were opposed to him politically, and from men engaged on other newspapers, as freely as from his more immediate colleagues. 'All that should accompany old age—as honour, love, obedience, troops of friends,' he enjoyed to the last, and he leaves an inspiring memory of faithful and honourable adherence to the finest traditions of English journalism.

"The *Bristol Daily Mercury* says :—Bristol journalism is the poorer to-day for the death of Mr. T. D. Taylor, who passed away yesterday after a long illness borne with rare fortitude. Mr. Taylor, who was 85 years of age, spent the greater part of his life in Bristol, and as a journalist who knew all sorts and conditions of people he was full of interesting reminiscences which many hope he found time to commit to writing. He always strove to maintain the true traditions of journalism, alike in the conduct of his own paper and in his relations with other offices and journalists in the city. He was a man of great, though unostentatious generosity—a veritable ready help in time of trouble. The recent death of his eldest son, Mr. Goodenough Taylor, was a grief which deeply affected him in his feeble state of health. The sympathy of many, especially of journalists, will go out to Mr. Henry Ward Taylor and other members of the family in their bereavement."

## GEORGE THOMAS

Was a pleasant, highly respectable looking man above middle height, wearing slight side whiskers, always scrupulously neat and prim in attire, wearing dark clothes and a silk hat. Rather slow and deliberate in speech, giving the idea he thought first and spoke afterwards, in fact, a man who impressed you with his solidity and reliability. For many years he was the senior partner, and certainly the best known, in the firm of Barnard, Thomas & Co., and at that time it was second to none in their line of business in the West of England, and probably had few superiors in the provinces.

The amount of business they transacted in various ways, as public and private accountants and auctioneers, was important and extensive, and George Thomas was generally respected for his strict integrity and great business ability.

The writer knew him for many years, but does not remember his taking any active part in local or public affairs, being always a busy man in his own concerns, and devoted to the numerous important matters entrusted to his firm.

He left a family of several children, and had attained a good old age when his death caused sincere regret to a large circle of friends, who had learned to appreciate his many sterling qualities and unassuming courtesy to all sorts and conditions of men with whom he was brought into contact in the course of his long business career.

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## JOSIAH THOMAS

For many years held the post of City Surveyor to the Bristol Corporation, and was a tall, pleasant-looking man, with dark hair and eyes, wearing slight beard and mous-

tache, always dressed in dark clothes of sober cut, and usually got through more work in the course of each day than is probably done by two busy men, as he seldom put in less than ten or twelve hours, from the time he left in the morning, until he returned home late at night, so that, as he often told his friends, he "never saw his children, except on Sundays." He thoroughly enjoyed work, and was a perfect glutton for it, and as, by the peculiar terms made with him by the Corporation, he was allowed to carry on private business while holding his official post, at a high salary, he did a lot of business before the commencement and after the close of his official hours, to the great advantage of his banking account.

He was a shrewd, long-headed man, whose opinion on matters of property was much sought after, and as the thing most distasteful to him was taking a holiday, his services were constantly available. An inveterate smoker, he suffered occasionally from gout, and died at a comparatively early age, when he looked full of strength and vigour—probably his incessant devotion to work may have had something to do with it—leaving a widow and several children to mourn a kind husband and father, and an upright, hardworking man, of great capacity and ability.

Probably few men in the district were more consulted than he about his friends' affairs, and he had the practical management of several estates in his hands, notably those of the late Thomas Proctor and Sir Joseph Dodge Weston, M.P., and he had a way of always speaking of those who employed him by their Christian names, and was a man who took things very easily, and not soon put out by even complicated matters.

He did many kind acts, both by word and deed, for those in trouble of any kind, in an unaffected, unobtrusive manner, and enjoyed the friendship and esteem of an immense number of persons in all ranks of life. For a great number of years his cousin, another George Thomas, practically managed the private part of his business, and

was a very capable, reliable man, held in high regard and esteem by all who knew him. He died very suddenly a few years before the death of Josiah, who severely felt his loss.

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## THE REV. URIJAH THOMAS,

Minister of the Independent Chapel in Redland Park for many years, was quite a live man in Nonconformist circles, and an ardent Radical in politics. He was long a member of the Bristol School Board, and acted as chairman during the latter part of his life. In appearance he was a stout, square-built man, with curly hair and slight all-round whiskers, on a broad, pleasant face, with a rather short neck, and brisk, smart manner. He was cheerful and popular in a large circle of friends of his own way of thinking, and exercised some influence, political and otherwise, so much so that he was often spoken of as the "Pope of Redland" by those who had much to do with him. He passed away at a comparatively early age, before he had anything like outlived his ability to be up and doing in the work in which he found pleasure and benefit

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## CHARLES TOWNSEND, J.P.

When a man has passed the majority of his years in holding public offices of one kind and another, besides being on the Magisterial Bench, and having represented an important city like Bristol in the House of Parliament, it naturally follows that his name must be included in a list of Bristol Worthies of the present day. Charles Townsend is now, and has been for some years, practically

the head of the firm formerly known as Gibbs & Score, and many other names since, but now as Ferris & Co., Ltd., probably the largest in their own line in the West of England. He is a man of substantial build, above middle height, wearing his greyish hair rather long, with slight beard only, on a rather pale, grave face. A Liberal in politics, and one of the leaders amongst Nonconformists in the district, he is a ready speaker, and has often taken part in the questions brought before the Town Council and elsewhere during his long connection with public life. He is a man who is regarded with much esteem and respect in a very large circle of friends in Bristol and elsewhere.

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The writer has left untouched the Sketch of the above-named, which he had prepared as one of the Worthies of the present day, but after his lines were in print he regrets to hear of the death of the subject of them. He thinks, therefore, the numerous friends of the deceased amongst his readers, may like to see the obituary notice which appeared in the *Bristol Evening Times* of November 4th, 1908, the day of Mr. Townsend's death :—

"DEATH OF MR. CHARLES TOWNSEND.

"Alderman Charles Townsend died to-day at his residence, Stoke Bishop, after a long illness. Mr. Townsend was born on June 6th, 1832. His father was Mr. John Henry Townsend, an old Bristolian who for many years was a deacon at Broadmead Baptist Chapel and superintendent of the Sunday School in connection with that place of worship. Mr. Townsend was educated at Leeds and Bristol, receiving a sound business training, and he became the senior partner in the well-known firm of Ferris & Co., wholesale and export druggists, of Union Street, Bristol, in which concern his father was also for a long time a partner. Mr. Townsend himself had for

many years the management of the wholesale and export department, previous to which he had represented the firm as a traveller over the whole of the West of England and South Wales. He resigned on entering Parliament in 1892. In 1859 Mr. Townsend married Anna Maria, daughter of Mr. Adam Holden, sugar refiner, whose business premises originally stood on the site of Fingel's great refinery at Counterslip, which was built in 1846 at a cost of some £250,000. Mr. Townsend was first elected to a seat in the Bristol Town Council for the District Ward in the year 1872, and was returned without any contests up to March, 1893, when he retired. On September 23rd, at a meeting of the District Ward Liberal Association, held at Montpelier, he was presented with a life-size portrait of himself, and an illuminated address, in recognition of his having for 20 years represented the ward in the Council. Upon the large extension of the boundaries in 1897, when the Council was enlarged, Mr. Townsend again entered that body, being made an Alderman. At one time he was a strong advocate of the dockisation of the River Avon, and obtained the appointment of a special committee of the Council to consider the whole question. Over this committee he presided. This was in 1880, and the subsequent report was favourable to dockisation, but it was negatived by a majority of the Council. For six years Mr. Townsend acted for the Town Council upon the governing body of the Bristol Grammar School. He had taken a keen interest in the work of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, and was the first president of the Chamber after its incorporation in 1874, when the office of honorary president was abolished, and the title transferred to the chairman. In matters of religion and philanthropy Mr. Townsend was active. By conviction a Baptist, he was a member of Tyndale Chapel, Whiteladies Road, in the founding of which, in 1868, he was associated with the late Mr. Elisha Robinson and others. He was a past president of the Bristol Baptist Association, and was for many years one of the hon. secretaries of the

Bristol City Mission. He was in 1883 president of the Anchor Society, and that year the collection amounted to £946. Standing for Bristol North at the General Election of 1892, as a Gladstonian Liberal, Mr. Townsend defeated the Liberal Unionist candidate (Mr. Lewis Fry. In 1895 the tables were turned, 4,702 votes being recorded for Mr. Fry and 4,464 for Mr. Townsend. Although a personal friend of Mr. Lewis Fry, Mr. Townsend had been separated from him in 1886 upon the Home Rule question, and was asked to stand against him. At that time, he declined to do so, but after the General Election consented to come forward as the Liberal candidate upon a subsequent occasion, and did so, as stated, in 1892. For a long period, Mr. Townsend fulfilled the office of a Justice of the Peace. For years before his election to Parliament he was the local leader of the Liberal Party, and frequently presided over and spoke at important Bristol meetings. His tone was always very optimistic, and especially was this the case at those periods when the party was under a cloud, notably during the Unionist regime of about ten years."

"THE LATE ALDERMAN TOWNSEND.—FUNERAL TO-DAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

"The funeral of Alderman Charles Townsend, who after a long illness passed away at his residence, St. Mary's, Stoke Bishop, on Wednesday, took place this afternoon. Previous to the cortege leaving the house, the Rev. Dr. Glover conducted a brief family service, at which the widow, Mrs. Townsend, was present. There were a large number of floral tributes. Some of them had been placed upon the open car which bore the remains, and many more were placed in a carriage which followed. The funeral car was preceded by a carriage containing the Rev. Dr. Glover, the Rev. E. Medley, the Rev. H. W. Burdett, and Dr. Dacre. The other carriages were as

follows :—1st carriage (Mrs. Townsend's carriage)—Miss Townsend (daughter), Mr. H. H. Townsend (son), Mr. C. R. Townsend (son) ; 2nd carriage (Miss Phillip's carriage)—Mr. Edmund Townsend (nephew), Mr. Arthur Holden (brother-in-law), Mrs. H. H. Townsend, Mrs. C. K. Townsend ; 3rd carriage—Mrs. J. F. Townsend (daughter-in-law), Mr. William Sherring, Miss Hilda Townsend (granddaughter) ; 4th carriage—Mr. E. Tozer, Mr. W. P. Byles, M.P. ; 5th carriage—Mr. C. E. Boucher, Mr. J. M. Boucher ; 6th carriage—Mr. R. H. Owen, Mr. T. W. Hall, Mr. A. Waite, Mr. J. E. Seaton ; 7th carriage—the Lord Mayor's carriage ; 8th carriage—Servants at St. Mary's ; 9th carriage—Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. Sidney Humphries, president, Mr. C. H. Bartlett, Mr. G. T. Martin, Mr. W. H. T. Bolt) ; 10th carriage—Sir Herbert Ashman ; 11th carriage—Mr. Samuel Iles ; 12th carriage—Oldest employés (Messrs. Hodges, Watson, Kent, and Rendall).

" The first part of the funeral service was conducted at Tyndale Chapel by the Rev. Dr. Glover. There was a large and representative congregation, which included the Lord Mayor (Sir E. B. James) and members of the Corporation.

" The congregation also included many employees of Messrs. Ferris and Co., Union Street, of which firm Mr. Townsend was formerly head.

" The interment took place in the family vault at Arno's Vale, in which Mr. Townsend's son, Mr. H. Townsend, was buried in 1893.

" The remains were enclosed in an inner shell with outer casket of fumed oak, with brass plate, bearing the inscription :—

' CHARLES TOWNSEND.

' Born 6th June, 1832,

' Died 4th November, 1908.' "

## THOMAS ONESIPHORUS TYNDALL

Was, to the last generation, a well-known figure in Clifton, where his park gates came well out into what is now known as the Whiteladies Road, and his park extended, on the eastern side of that road, from nearly opposite where West Park now stands, to the land in Perry Road, opposite the Prince's Theatre. When the family were in residence, T. O. Tyndall might be seen almost daily with a party of his daughters, all on horseback—and well mounted too—or else driving a smart and well matched team of four horses in a stylish barouche, with two dapper grooms perched in the rumble behind. The income of the estate must have immensely increased since the time mentioned, by the ground rents created through the scores of houses erected upon it, but, of course, the mansion, known as " The Fort," has been gradually shut in, and surrounded by bricks and mortar, besides having the Bristol Grammar School, with its playgrounds and premises, and the Children's Hospital, as neighbours.

T. O. Tyndall was a man of big frame, above middle height, wearing large, all-round whiskers, and dressed in rather old-fashioned style, reserved and grave in manner, but fairly popular and agreeable with his intimate friends. He took no prominent part in local or public affairs. He had no son ; one of his daughters married Captain Walwyn, of Sion Hill, Clifton. Some of the Misses Tyndall are well-known for their support of all good objects in the district. Mrs. Tyndall was a fine, stately woman, who had been a great beauty in her day.

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## WILLIAM KILLIGREW WAIT, M.P.

A good-looking man of over medium height, with curly hair, beard and moustache of dark brown hue, and

invariably wearing glasses of some kind—married Miss Perrin, an Irish lady, and lived for many years in Cornwallis Grove, but all the latter part of his life at St. Vincent's, Clifton Park.

He was long in the Bristol Town Council, served the office of Mayor in a highly creditable manner, and was for some time one of the representatives of Gloucester in the House of Commons. He was a cultivated, well-informed man, a good speaker and a genial, pleasant companion, with no nonsense about him, and enjoyed considerable popularity with all classes. He was the head of the firm carrying on a large business in the corn trade at Bristol and Gloucester known as Wait & James, but his many other engagements prevented his devoting much time to office work.

A breakdown in health when still in the prime of life, necessitated his retirement from all kinds of business, but he retained the regard and esteem of a large circle of friends, to whom his many charming qualities had endeared him. One of his sons, with much the same name as his own, succeeded to his position in his firm, and one of his daughters is well-known as being interested in philanthropic affairs in the district. He died in December, 1902, aged 78, leaving a widow and several children.

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## JAMES CRESSWELL WALL, J.P.,

Came to Bristol in the first instance, we think, as one of the clerical staff of the then Bristol and Exeter Railway Company, of which by his ability and energy, he afterwards became the general manager, and so continued until it became merged in the Great Western Railway Company, of which he was afterwards the traffic manager, at any rate of its routes west of Bristol.

In appearance he was about middle height, with a

round, intelligent face, and smart, alert manner, very keen in business matters, and lived for many years at Redland Lodge, Durdham Down, with a family, of whom two of the sons entered the legal profession, and he had besides several daughters. He went in for shooting as a recreation, and his luncheon and dinner parties were considered models of their kind. He was either an excellent judge of horseflesh, or had capable advisers, as of the large number in his possession, there were many fit for the keenest competition in their own classes, and at the Spring Horse Parades, then annually held in the district, evoked great admiration. He was a most genial, agreeable man in company, with a cheery, jovial manner, and was universally popular with a large circle of friends, by whom his death, well on in years, was deeply lamented. He was long an Alderman, and had served as president of the Grateful Society, but had not much leisure for public work in a general way.

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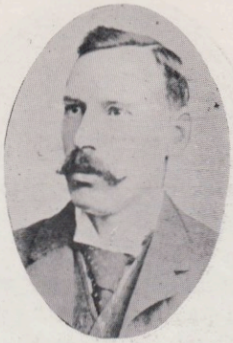
## THE REV. HENRY GEORGE WALSH, M.A.

If not the first, as writer believes, he must have been one of the first, to hold the Honorary Chaplaincy of the Bristol Rifles, and was often seen in the uniform of the corps, and officiated on some of the occasions of funerals of Volunteers. In appearance he was a spare-built man of medium height, with a grave, solemn face, and lived with his family in the Vicarage, Apsley Road, Clifton, being for many years the Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Clifton, which at the time of his appointment was surrounded on its western side by green fields, and was looked upon as quite in the country, but has since been built round, up to the walls of its churchyard, and is now the centre of a large population. In the early days of his ministry he was thought to hold rather advanced views



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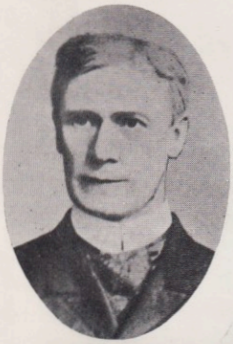

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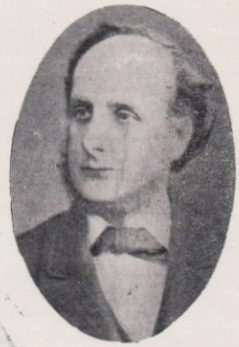

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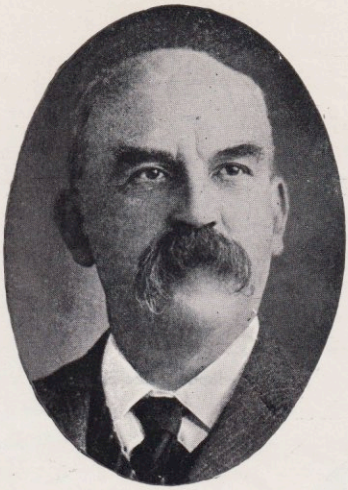

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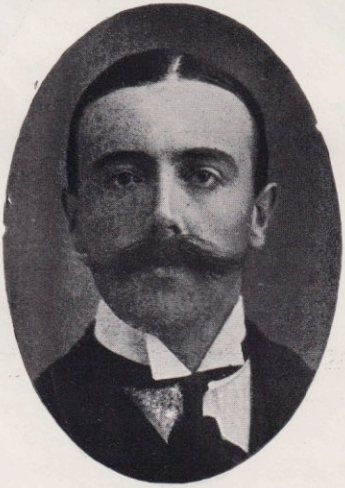

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on ritual and other matters ecclesiastical, but so much change of opinion has since come about, and so many other clergy and churches have put forward doctrines and tenets far beyond anything propounded at St. John's, that he would now be considered a very moderate man, and more a broad than a high churchman. He was a courteous, agreeable man, and highly popular with his congregation and a large circle of friends, and must have attained a good old age when he passed away, though in appearance he never altered to any great extent.

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## THOMAS TODD WALTON

Held for many years the post of Chief Postmaster of the Bristol district, when the area of influence and the scope of the duties were very much less than they have since become. He was a slightly-built man of about medium height, wearing dark hair, with slight beard, moustache, &c., and had a pleasant, courteous and refined manner, somewhat reserved and taciturn, but polite and agreeable in converse with those who had to do with him.

He lived during the latter years of his stay in Bristol at Mortimer House, Clifton, and was usually accompanied in his walks by one of his son's small-sized bulldogs.

His wife was rather a showy woman, fond of life and society, and we believe he or she, in their later years, came into a good deal of money, which induced them to launch out more in their style of living, and probably may have had something to do with his retirement when apparently in the prime of life, from a good position in the Civil Service, and, eventually, to their leaving the district, in which he was fairly popular, and much respected by a large circle, both in his official and private capacities. It is long since he left Bristol, but we have not happened to hear of his death, and hope he may still be in the land of the living.

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## ARTHUR HARE WANSEY.

A very tall man, well over six feet in height, and big in frame as well, with a ruddy complexion and youthful manner and appearance almost to the last. Originally in partnership with the genial Henry A. Palmer, for many years he practised alone as solicitor, notary public, and Registrar and Deputy Judge of the Bristol Tolzey Court. When the Volunteer movement started in 1859, he was one of the earliest to join the Bristol Rifles, and although he chose to remain in the ranks, the name of "Private Wansey" was well-known as one of the best shots in the corps, and a frequent winner of prizes wherever he competed.

For many years he carried on, with the aid of a staff of able clerks, one of the largest single-handed practices in Bristol.

He married Miss Welstead, a charming lady, and they lived at Stoke Bishop with a small family, having suffered much grief by the death of one of his sons, who was just beginning life in his father's office.

He died near the allotted age, lamented by his family and a large circle of clients and friends, before age had made any appreciable difference in his appearance or manner, except perhaps a slight increase of weight.

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## CHARLES EDWARD WARD

Was for many years practically the head of the firm of solicitors and notaries public so long carrying on business in the city of Bristol as Osborne, Ward & Co., which was afterwards amalgamated with the firm of Brooke Smith, Vassall & Parr.

He was Clerk to the Society of Merchant Venturers, and his firm were the solicitors to the Great Western

Railway Company, and C. E. Ward had much to do with the early work in connection with the Parliamentary powers acquired by the Company, and probably also when the Bristol and Exeter Railway Company and other smaller lines were taken over by the larger concern. In appearance he was rather a thick set man of medium height and sturdy build, with dark hair, eyes, and slight whiskers, on a grave, pleasant face; was somewhat quiet and reserved in manner, but courteous and agreeable with those he knew. He lived with his family (one son of which entered his father's firm) in Clifton Park, and was much respected and esteemed in a large circle of clients and friends, by whom his unassuming manners, great amiability and sterling character were highly appreciated, and by whom his death, while he appeared to be still in the prime of life, was deeply lamented.

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## MARK WHITWILL

Was a slightly-built, grave, but pleasant-looking man of about medium height, with dark hair, eyes, moustache, &c., who carried on business as a shipbroker and agent in Bristol, where he was much better known for the attention he gave to his duties as vice-chairman, and afterwards chairman, of the School Board, and for his excellent work in connection with the Children's Hospital, of which he was, if not the actual founder, one of the most constant and active supporters, and probably did more for it, in one way or another, than anyone else.

A Liberal in politics, and a live member of the Nonconformist persuasion, he took an active part in what was going on in the district, and being energetic, and always looking younger than his years, he was well-known and much respected in a large circle of friends, by whom his

death, long before he had any appearance of advanced age about him, was much lamented. He left a family, of whom one of his sons, another Mark, succeeded to his business, and is much interested in Reformatory work.

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## RENN HAMPDEN WILSON

For many years was associated in the timber trade with the firm of Jones & Nash, and was the brother-in-law of the junior partner, Charles Nash. He was one of those men who never altered, but looked a youngster all his life, having a perfectly smooth face, a profusion of dark, curly hair, and a slight, boyish figure. He was educated at the Bristol Grammar School, and, writer is under the impression, greatly distinguished himself there. For a number of years he held the presidency of the Clifton Linnean Society, and was very regular in his attendance at the meetings, and although there were many good speakers amongst the members—some of whom are well-known citizens at the present time—it is doubtful if there was one to surpass the president as an all-round speaker, on almost any subject. He was a keen politician of the bluest colour, and a staunch churchman, highly popular with an extensive circle of friends, and his departure from Bristol was lamented by all who knew him, the more so as he latterly suffered from ill-health, and, writer is informed, never recovered his former active habits and pursuits, but retaining his youthful appearance and unmarried condition.

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## GEORGE WOLFE.

Dark and good-looking, a man of about medium height, who always got himself up to look like what he was,

an artist, with oval, shaved face, wearing moustache and imperial, often with a velvet jacket, and hat or cap to match. He was adopted, early in life, by a Mrs. Buckley, with whom he lived until her death, in Windsor Terrace, Clifton, and devoted himself to oil and water colour painting, turning out a lot of good work from sketches made, mostly in the West of England, on some of his sketching tours. He was a sociable, agreeable man, who enjoyed a great deal of popularity with those who knew him, and although we have him in the list of the Worthies of the Past, we have not heard of his death, and hope he may still be in the land of the living, though we have not seen him for more than twenty years, when he married and went to live in Hampshire to be near his wife's friends. The capital portrait herewith will remind some of his friends of his appearance.

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## GEORGE ROCKE WOODWARD.

One of those men who go through life in an unassuming, unobtrusive manner, doing all the good which lies in their power, and fulfilling their duties as excellent fathers, citizens and friends.

He was about medium height, with grey hair, whiskers, &c., very near-sighted, always wearing glasses, courteous and agreeable to everyone, but rather sedate and reserved in company.

He was for many years an Alderman in the Bristol Town Council, and served very ably the positions of High Sheriff and of president of the Grateful Society, but did not take much part in public life in the general way, being the senior partner in the firm of Panter, Woodward & Co. he had plenty to do in the conduct of his extensive business. He lived, with his wife and family, in Cornwallis Grove,

Clifton, and was a constant supporter of all good objects in the district, where he was universally respected and esteemed for his many amiable and sterling qualities, and his death, well on in years, caused general regret amongst a large circle of friends, to whom his high character and kindly disposition had greatly endeared him.

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## JOHN WORSLEY.

As far as the writer's remembrance extends, there have never been wanting eccentric specimens of humanity in the Bristol district, and one of them was the subject of this sketch, who for many years practised as a conveyancing counsel, and lived, unmarried, in apartments in Clifton. In appearance he was a very tall, slightly-built man, with pointed features on a perfectly smooth face, invariably dressed in a long black frock coat and other garments of old-fashioned cut, black silk stock and hat, and high collars. He stooped much in walking, and had a peculiar gait, spreading out his hands and feet, which were of rather full size, as he went along. He wrote a curious, cramped hand-writing, and got through a good deal of work in a quiet way, and devoted his leisure, during the long vacation in particular, to touring about alone in some of the Continental countries. He was most courteous and agreeable in manners, and well read and informed, always seemed rather shy and reserved in the general way, but sociable and pleasant with those he knew intimately. Probably, from his ways and get-up, he looked older than he really was, but he never seemed to alter to any great extent, and must have been well into the seventies when he passed away, to the regret of his friends, by whom his amiable disposition and suave manners had

been fully appreciated. His tall, bent figure, and the way he had of holding his head on one side when listening to conversation, always reminded the writer of one of those picturesque birds known as Adjutant Storks!

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## WILLIAM WRIGHT.

The senior partner in the firm of William Wright and Sons, one of the oldest firms in the port wine trade, was a tall, well set-up man, very upright in carriage, wearing grey hair, rather curly, side whiskers and moustache. Although prior to the starting of the Volunteer movement, in 1859, he had been known merely as a highly respected merchant and citizen, he then threw himself with much energy and enthusiasm into the popular movement of the day, was early gazetted as Captain of No. 3 Company of the Bristol Rifles, and was drilled, and drilled his men, with such perseverance and ability, that "No. 3." was certainly second to none in the West of England, and he was looked upon as one of the best all-round Volunteer Captains in the land. He was an amiable, courteous gentleman, and was esteemed and respected by all who knew him, and beloved by his men. He lived, with his family, in Clifton Park, and devoted his spare time to his garden. Two or three of his sons entered his business, and his death, at a good old age, was regarded as a serious loss to the community at large.

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## THE REV. EDWARD YOUNG, M.A.,

Will be remembered as a tall, slenderly-built man of remarkable appearance, wearing a profusion of curly grey

hair, whiskers, &c., always muffled up round his neck, and wearing cotton wool in his ears, giving the idea he was in a very delicate state of health, being feeble and tottering in his manner of walking. Very refined and courteous in manner and bearing, he was a well-known figure in Clifton, where he took occasional duty at some of the churches upholding evangelical principles, but the writer does not remember his having any permanent post in connection with any of them. Interested in all good and charitable work in the district, he was often seen at public meetings relating to any of the benevolent societies, and was at one time hon. secretary of the local branch of the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

From his build and get up he was a man who probably always looked older than his years, but he seemed a very old man when he passed away, much regretted by all who knew him, for his gentle, amiable disposition and old-world courteous manners, which had endeared him to a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

He lived for many years at Leny, Clifton Park, married, but, we think, without family, and was one of the last of his own type of Church of England clergy seen in this district, where he had spent many years of his life.

# BRISTOL WORTHIES

## *and Notable Residents*

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## SECOND SERIES

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## PRESENT

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### JAMES WILLIAM ARROWSMITH, J.P.,

Has, for a number of years, carried on business in Bristol as printer and publisher, and has shown himself to be possessed of ability, perseverance, and enterprise. He has brought out an immense amount of literature in his time, mostly of a sensational character, and at popular prices, but has also done a lot of printing and publishing for other people, and engineered a popular time table; a dictionary of Bristol; and a sort of history, in a condensed form, of salient points connected with the ancient city and its past records.

He has led too strenuous and busy a life to have time for much public work beyond the duties of a Justice of the Peace, and president of the Anchor Society. In appearance he is a man of about medium height, with a smart, alert manner, invariably wearing glasses, on a bright, fresh complexioned face, with piercing dark eyes, slight beard &c., and abundance of dark hair, and gives one the impression of energy and ability. He has had a long connection with Volunteering, and been very successful

as a rifle shot, having won numerous prizes. A Liberal in politics, he has been often mentioned as a possible candidate to represent the city of his adoption in Parliament, but possibly has not found time to do so, with the other claims on his attention. Altogether, he may be regarded as a live man, who has devoted the greater part of his life to minding his own business, and replying to the frequent inquiry "What will this cost to print?" to an increasing number of customers all over the West and South of England. He is a pleasant, courteous man of business, who has a considerable circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom he is much esteemed, and from whom he received many assurances of sincere sympathy on the occasion of his recent bereavement.

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## WILLIAM ROBERT BARKER, J.P.,

For a number of years has been an Alderman of the Bristol Corporation, very creditably served the office of Mayor, and is a Magistrate for Bristol, but probably is better known to the citizens at large in connection with his labours as chairman and an active member of the committees for carrying on the Public Libraries, Museum and Art Gallery, to which he has devoted an immense amount of time, ability and energy, and, being a diligent student of both literature and art, it has probably been very congenial work to him, while it is fortunate for the city that it is in the capable hands of a man of taste, with plenty of leisure, and the will to devote it to the good of his fellow citizens.

In appearance W. R. Barker is above middle height, wearing a profusion of grey hair, beard, &c., on a pleasant face, and has an agreeable, courteous manner, which makes him generally popular in a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He lives at Redland, one of his sons,

A. E. Barker, a solicitor, is Deputy Coroner for Bristol, and another, G. H. Barker, is a doctor in practice in Clifton. As far as we are aware, W. R. Barker has not been engaged in any kind of business since he has resided in Bristol, and until his election as Mayor had led a somewhat retired life as a private citizen, but has since taken his share of work in local public life, and rendered valuable aid to the Corporation, as above stated.

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## CANON SAMUEL A. BARNETT, M.A.,

Is one of the comparatively rare instances of a Church of England clergyman holding Radical, if not Socialistic, opinions, not that it is believed he is not sincere in his views, as his useful work in the East End of London showed the bent of his inclinations before he came back to Bristol, on being appointed a Canon of the Cathedral there.

Rev. S. A. Barnett, who is, we think, a Bristolian by birth, is of about middle height, wearing his hair rather short, and with greyish beard, &c., of a very grave, solemn cast of countenance, which has made him always look older than his age. He and Francis Gilmore Barnett were the two only sons of the late Mr. Francis Barnett, a Bristol manufacturer, who long resided in the Whiteladies Road, Clifton.

During his residence in Bristol Rev. S. A. Barnett took an interest in many matters connected with the pronounced views he holds on political subjects, and often put in an appearance at meetings in London of the same kind, and kept up his connection with the Toynbu Hall, East London, in which he has been so long interested, and has now left for London on appointment to a Canoncy at Westminster. Altogether, he may be looked upon as a man who has unselfishly sought to do what, in his opinion,

was best for the temporal and spiritual benefit of his fellow creatures, and to leave the world a little better than he found it, in which he has been ably assisted by Mrs. S. A. Barnett.

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## JOHN BEDDOE, M.D., F.R.S.,

Although long a resident in the Bristol district, where he practised for many years, he has been for some years, since his practical retirement, living at Bradford-on-Avon, and not long since his name was brought prominently before the public on the occasion of the presentation of his portrait to the Bristol Fine Art Gallery.

In appearance he is above medium height, bald, wearing full beard and moustache, on a pleasant-looking, benevolent face. Not only has he long held a high position as a skilful practitioner in his own profession, but has devoted much attention to the subject of Ethmology, and occasionally delivered lectures and written papers in connection therewith, at Bristol and elsewhere. He married a daughter, we think, of Professor Christison, and has two daughters. During the time he lived in Clifton, in St. Paul's Road, Lansdown Place, and Mortimer House, he used to entertain a good deal, and often organized, with the aid of neighbours and friends, some very successful private theatricals, in which Mrs. Beddoe sometimes took part.

Of a rather retiring and unassuming disposition, and most courteous, amiable character, he was universally popular amongst his patints, colleagues, and a large circle of intimate friends, by whom his departure from the district was sincerely deplored, and who have never ceased to regard him with respect and esteem, and to miss his agreeable personality from their midst.

## ALFRED GEORGE DE LISLE BUSH

Is the eldest surviving son of the late Colonel Robert Bush (sketched in First Series Bristol Worthies), and was educated at Clifton College. Married, 1890, Florence, eldest daughter of the late John Lysaght, J.P. Represented Clifton Ward in the Bristol Town Council from 1877 to 1892. President of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce 1878–1880. Master of the Merchant Venturers' Society 1882–3. Master of St. Stephen's Ringers' Society 1877. President of the Dolphin Society 1891. Is one of the local board of directors of the Royal Insurance Co., and a director of John Lysaght, Ltd.

For many years he did useful work, and took an active part in local matters, being at one time a member of the firm of J. & R. Bush, but since he joined the board of John Lysaght Limited he has relinquished his connection with most other matters. He is a well-known man in his native city, and very popular in a large circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom he is always spoken of as "George de Lisle." He now resides at Standish House, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

He belongs to a family long connected and associated in many ways with the City and County of Bristol, and all his life has taken a keen interest in anything for the advantage or welfare of the ancient city. The capital portrait accompanying this slight sketch gives a good idea of the person referred to.

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## JAMES ARTHUR BUSH

Is another of the sons of the late Colonel Robert Bush, and, we think, now the only one left in the business so long carried on by the family in Prince Street, Queen Square, Bristol.

He is a tall, big-framed, good-looking man, with dark hair, eyes, and moustache, and probably is more known to his fellow citizens, in his official capacity as Sword Bearer to the Bristol Corporation, than in any other way; but to the votaries of the national game of cricket he is also known as one of the best, if not the best, wicket keepers who ever helped the renowned Gloucestershire Cricket Club to the many victories they gained in days of yore, when they had a team of players hard to beat. He has played cricket for over 20 years. In 1873 he went out with W. G. Grace's team to Australia, and again in 1880 on a pleasure trip, playing some football, as well as cricket. He played five times for England at Rugby football, and, strange to say, was never on the losing side!

As a swimmer he has won many cups and prizes, in keen competition, and has had the pleasure of saving a fellow creature's life who was drowning.

He was, and the writer believes is still, fairly handy with the gloves, and in 1868 was the winner in a twelve stone competition for amateurs. He knows more of the game of billiards than most men you meet; and at most of the big matches, either football or cricket, is often seen amongst the lookers-on, being a lover of both games. He is one of those men on whom the weight of years presses very lightly, enjoying much popularity with a large circle of private friends, as well as with the members of the Corporation, and he makes an imposing figure in all the Civic functions in which he takes such a prominent part.

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## CHARLES HENRY CAVE, J.P.,

Is the eldest surviving son of Sir C. D. Cave, Bart., of Stoneleigh, Clifton, and Sidbury Manor, Devonshire, and is engaged in banking business at the Old Bank Branch of the Union of London and Smiths Bank, Ltd., which is an

amalgamation of several well-known London and provincial concerns. In appearance C. H. Cave is a tall, handsome man, who does not make the most of his height, with dark hair, eyes, and moustache, otherwise closely shaved. He is married to a charming and graceful lady. They have four sons, some of whom appear likely to represent the good looks of both parents, and lives at Rodway Hill Manor House, in the Parish of Mangotsfield, where he and his wife identify themselves with anything going on for the good of the place and district which has been so long associated with the Cave family, and where they still have a considerable holding and interest. C. H. Cave is a Justice of the Peace for the County, and chairman of the Mangotsfield Conservative Association, and has taken an active part as one of the finance committee of the Central Conservative Council of the Thornbury Division. He is grave and rather reserved in manner, but pleasant, courteous, and generally popular in a large circle of friends and acquaintances. One of the churchwardens of his parish, and a member of the Bristol Town Council, he makes a capital chairman at the many political and social meetings at which he is called upon to preside, and carries out his various duties with ability and tact, often filling his father's place when the latter is unable to attend.

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## COLONEL THOMAS WM. CHESTER-MASTER,

Who for some years sat in Parliament for one of the Divisions of the County of Gloucester, is a young-looking, slightly-built man, above middle height, wearing moustache only, on a rather florid, genial-looking face, with marked features, and resides at Knowle Park, Almondsbury, near Bristol, where he is one of the County Councillors, and also holds the responsible position of chairman

of the Central Conservative Association of the Thornbury Division, and has been president of the West Gloucester Farmers' Club, in all of which capacities he has proved himself an able leader of men, and a smart, efficient man of business. It goes without saying that the Colonel enjoys immense popularity, and with all classes, as he is a man thoroughly genial and approachable, with no nonsense about him, but possessed of much tact, amiability and good feeling, which have endeared him to a vast circle of friends and acquaintances throughout an extended area. Without going in for flowery eloquence, the Colonel knows what he wants to say, and how to say it, and is a frequent and ready speaker at many of the meetings of one sort and another at which he is seen, and where a hearty welcome is always accorded to him as a first-rate type of the English country gentleman.

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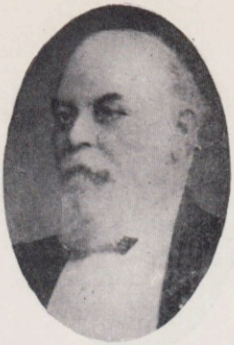
## JAMES MACREADY CHUTE.

Coming of a directly theatrical stock on both sides, although, we think, not intended for the profession, the present lessee of the Prince's Theatre has fully justified his position, and probably stands to-day, as his father did before him, in the front rank of provincial managers. He not only provides a good bill of fare for his patrons, all the year round, but every year brings out a record-breaking pantomime, which usually has a successful run of nearly three months, and is put on in first-rate style. In appearance he is about medium height, somewhat slight in build, and grave in manner, but, like others of his family who have held the same position, has been very popular both with his own staff and artistes of both sexes, and the public in general, and the reputation of Bristol in theatrical matters has not suffered at his hands, the more so that he has kept up the theatre and its belongings in a high state



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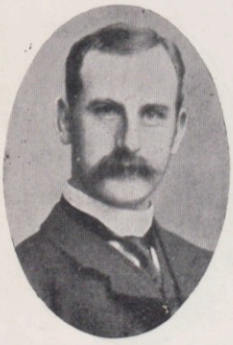

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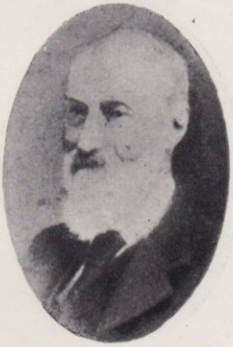

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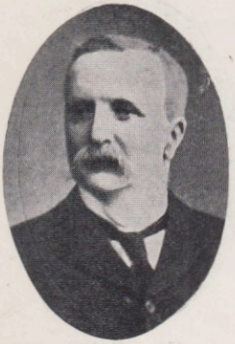

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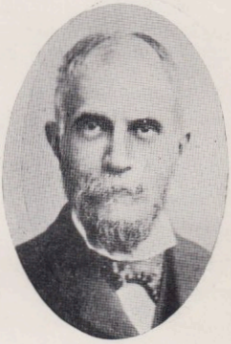

J. H. Howell

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of efficiency, bearing comparison with most Metropolitan, and any Provincial, establishments in the kingdom.

On the occasion of one of the annual festive gatherings of the Prince's Company and friends being held, and which passed off very pleasantly, the speakers on the occasion showed the good feeling which existed amongst all the various departments represented there, and an amusing skit which appeared in the *Bristol Evening Times* at about the same time, from the pen of the versatile and amusing artiste known under the name of " Carlton," will give a fair idea of the opinion held by those associated with him, of the popular manager of the Prince's Theatre, Bristol :—

JAMES MACREADY CHUTE.

I've performed in every country where a flag can be unfurled,
I've worked with many managers in all parts of the world,
But the one whom I most appreciate much more than all the rest
Is Mr. Chute, my guv'nor now, for he's the very best.
He is always courteous, fair, and just to those in his employ ;
To make his servants happy is his one and only joy,
The Panto's nearly over, which is much to our regret,
But we'll again be " Bristol-bound " ere many suns have set.
The friendship that's existed 'twixt one and all alike
Should have taken place in London—there would have been no strike
Our heartfelt wish, before we leave, to one so good and fine :
" May he eclipse this year's success in next year's Pantomime,"
For a strenuous, honest, business man, there's none quite half so cute
As our worthy friend and patron, Mr. James Macready Chute.

CARLTON.

Bristol, February 27th, 1907.

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## ADMIRAL FRANCIS ARDEN CLOSE, R.N.,

On the retired list, long resided at " The Duchess'," Stoke, the Dower House of the Beaufort family, but, for some years past, has resided on Clifton Down, and not long since ably filled the office of High Sheriff of the City and County of Bristol. In appearance he is a tall, handsome man, of slight build, with grey, curly hair, beard, &c., very courteous and affable in manner, and an able and

ready speaker, especially on anything in any way connected with the Navy, of which he is an unflinching critic and doughty champion. A few years since he had the misfortune to lose his wife, who had been a great beauty in her day, and we think there are no children of the marriage. The Admiral is a well-known figure in Bristol and the neighbourhood, and often responds for his branch of His Majesty's Service at some of the festive gatherings for which the ancient city is so famous.

His pleasant, agreeable manners and many sterling qualities have made him immensely popular in a large circle of friends and neighbours, by whom he is regarded with much esteem and respect, and the writer hopes he may long be spared to stand up, with voice and pen, for the Service, to which, and its interests, according to his views, he has been devoted for the greater part of a somewhat lengthened career.

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## CHARLES EDWARD H. A. COLSTON, J.P.,

Who for fourteen years ably represented the Thornbury Division of Gloucestershire in the House of Commons, and had residences at Says Court, Coalpit Heath, and Roundway Park, Devizes, is a slightly-built, very good-looking man, of upright carriage, good height and figure, wearing moustache only on a closely shaved face; very neat and particular in the matter of attire. He is married, but so young looking are he and his agreeable and elegant wife that they could hardly be credited with having a son in the Grenadier Guards, who looks more like his father's brother than his son! Edward Colston (as he is mostly called, in remembrance of his benevolent ancestor) is much interested in Friendly Societies, and an honorary member of many of them, and in the Auxiliary Forces, in which he has attained the rank of Colonel. He is also a

leading member of the Four-in-Hand Club, and one of the best whips in the country, as he proved in the competition of all nations at the great horse show at Olympia. Owing to failing health, he decided not to again offer himself as a candidate for Parliament, to the great regret of his numerous friends and supporters, but it is not too much to say that during his long Parliamentary career, he enjoyed to an unusual extent the confidence, esteem and regard of both parties, and generously supported, with his influence and purse, all manner of objects, political, social, religious and secular, which appealed to him for a helping hand, in the large and varied district comprised in the Thornbury Division. His unaffected cordiality made him immensely popular, as was shown by the large and representative gathering at Bristol on the presentation to him of a handsome testimonial to express the regard and esteem in which he was held by his constituents, to whom his amiable, generous disposition had endeared him.

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## JOSEPH COOKE-HURLE, J.P.,

Is a young-looking man, of good height and appearance, fair, and somewhat ruddy in complexion, who deserves well of the community for the immense amount of time he gives up for the good of his fellow creatures in the several public positions he fills so ably and well, particularly those in connection with Keynsham and Brislington, at which latter place he resides, and where he has taken over some of the work so long carried out by the late Mr. J. Clayfield Ireland.

The public in England are so accustomed to get a great deal of valuable work gratuitously done for them by unselfish and able men, that they are apt to overlook the strain and tact required of those at the head of affairs, but there is no manner of doubt that a great debt of

gratitude is due to men like the subject of this sketch, who devote the best years of their lives to putting and keeping matters as straight as possible in the places where they find work ready to be done, and this accounts for J. Cooke-Hurle being deservedly very popular amongst a large number of friends and neighbours, who have learnt to appreciate his many sterling qualities, and the great ability with which he deals with the matters he takes in hand.

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## FRANCIS RICHARDSON CROSS, J.P., F.R.C.S.

The writer believes, if not a Bristolian by birth, is connected with an old family in the district, where he has resided most of his life, and now lives in Clifton Park. For some time after he commenced practice as a surgeon in general practice he was one of the surgeons to the Bristol Police Force, which would doubtless give wide scope to experience of the various ailments, accidents, &c., in such a large body of men greatly subject to all manner of vicissitudes from running unusual risks by exposure and injuries. In appearance F. R. Cross is very tall, with dark hair and eyes, of spare build, very youthful looking, and with a genial, pleasant manner, which is of value in his profession. For some years past he has abandoned the general part of his practice, and confined himself to treatment of matters connected with the eyes and eye-sight, being one of the doctors of the Bristol Eye Hospital, and having a large and extending private practice, in writer's opinion has had no reason to complain of the choice he made soon after the outset of his career. He ably filled the office of High Sheriff of the City and County of Bristol, and president of the Grateful Society, and enjoys much popularity with a large circle of patients and friends for his unaffected affability and courtesy, and the confidence of those brought under him professionally for his skill and attention to his delicate duties.

## JOHN CUNNINGHAM

Is another instance of one of our countrymen, from the northern part of the kingdom, who has for many years been settled in the West for business purposes, and for some years past has devoted most of his time to the responsible work of surveyor for fire insurance, and the extent of his travels in that capacity prove the confidence placed in his ability and straightforward conduct of the many complicated matters entrusted to him and his firm.

In appearance he is a tall, good-looking man, fair, wearing his hair short, with slight beard and moustache, and has a pleasant, genial manner, which has made him very popular in a large circle of friends, and, although a Scot, has a decided sense of humour, and can tell many a good story, and enjoy a joke, as well as anyone we know.

He married Miss Middleton, of Finsbury Square, and has one daughter, who was lately married at Clifton Parish Church to Mr. S. H. West, I.M.S., under most favourable auspices, and when a considerable number of the relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom, and their parents, attended to do honour to the occasion, and, in the words of the papers, " the presents were numerous and costly."

Mrs. Cunningham and her daughter have always taken an interest in good works, such as visiting the poor, befriending the young, and otherwise showing their interest in humanity in general, so that it was fitting that, on the occasion of the wedding of their only child, many of her humble friends attended, with their congratulations and offerings. For some years Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham lived at the Chesnuts, Downend, near Bristol, where they took considerable interest in the affairs of the parish, and entertained very extensively. Mrs. Cunningham was the Dame President, and her husband the Ruling Councillor, of the Mangotsfield Habitation of the Primrose League, but at the present time they reside in Elmdale Road, Tyndall's Park, Clifton, where they are both highly esesteemed and popular. John Cunningham is a thoroughly

unaffected, genuine man, who enjoys the sincere regard of a large circle, both in business and private life, and is credited with being a man of exceptional ability in his avocation, and of good, sound common-sense and high principle in the conduct of everything he takes in hand, and an able speaker on the many occasions when he has had to air his views at public or private gatherings. As he is fond of sport in general, and fishing in particular, he would be more of a sportsman than he is now able to be, if he had more leisure, and he is a keen admirer of a good horse, dog, or cat, and has had good specimens of each.

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## HENRY DANIEL, J.P.

Here we have a man who, for most of his somewhat long life, has looked as least twenty years younger than his age, and has not yet got out of the habit of doing so. For many years he was a very active and able partner in a firm of auctioneers, valuers, and insurance assessors, but some time since retired, and is a Justice of the Peace, and lately served as High Sheriff of the City and County of Bristol. In appearance he is of about medium height. with dark hair and eyes, side whiskers, and of slight build, rather pale of complexion, and very affable and pleasant in manner. A good, fluent, and amusing speaker, and, when following his former avocation, one of the best auctioneers the writer remembers in a somewhat extended experience. H. Daniel has always held a leading position amongst Nonconformists in the district, and is a moderate Liberal in politics. He is a genial, agreeable man, quite unaffected, and possessed of much common sense and knowledge of the world and his fellow creatures, amongst whom he is very popular, and much esteemed. He resides in Tyndall's Park, Clifton, and has been twice married.

Since the foregoing sketch was written, an article has appeared in the papers giving some extracts from what the writer considers the most able, just, and convincing, condemnation of the much discussed iniquitous Licensing Bill, which is from the pen of his old friend, Henry Daniel, whose great experience as a valuer gives weight to his opinion, and he ventures to reprint it here, as it certainly deserves more than the passing notice accorded to a daily newspaper, and many persons more or less interested in the subject may not happen to have seen it.

As the man said of the dusty carpet, "It will take a deal of beating":—

"Mr. Henry Daniel, late Sheriff of Bristol, and for many years head of the well-known firm of Messrs. Alexander, Daniel, & Co., has published a telling denunciation of the Licensing Bill. As a life-long Liberal, and a life-long advocate of temperance, he finds the duty forced upon him of expressing his unqualified disapproval of the confiscatory clauses of the Bill. We make a few extracts:—

"THE PROPERTY IN A LICENCE.

"As a valuer of very long and wide experience, whose practice has been largely in connection with the brewing, licensed victualling, and allied trades, I am able to state that in all circumstances of valuation, whether for the assessment of death duties, for transfer by ordinary purchase and sale, or for compensation under the Lands Clauses or other Acts, touching the compulsory acquisition of property—the absolute certainty of perpetual renewal of the licences of all well-conducted houses has never even been called in question, either by valuers (and I have been associated with the most eminent men in the profession) or by those who have employed them.

"That the renewal of on-licences (excepting those of ante '69 beerhouses) was, until the Act of 1904 came into operation, in the discretion of the licensing justices cannot be denied. But one of the things most highly cherished

by shrewd men in this commercial nation is the 'custom established'; and the custom of renewing on-licences (except where there has been some flagrant breach of the law) has been abundantly established by the usage of centuries.

"THE PROPOSED TIME LIMIT.

"It seems almost incredible that men of experience and statesmanlike ability could think for one moment of so dislocating the trade of the country and swelling the already startling number of the unemployed by proposing that from 30 to 32 thousand licensed houses should be deprived of their licences, and their establishments and homes be broken up in 14 years.

"It appears, however, to be considered that this reduction would materially help the cause of temperance, and if that be so by all means let it be done. But to do so with justice to the owners would involve the provision of a colossal sum for compensation; and the thousands of abstainers and others, in harmony with their impassioned eloquence, and the readiness with which they allocate the finances of other people, should be only too ready and willing to contribute to the compensation fund. I fear, however, their enthusiasm would fall short of the sacrifice.

"If the closing of these 32,000 public-houses is for the good of the nation, the framers of the Bill should impose a national tax that all may contribute to the necessary fund. No fright or alarm need follow this suggestion, seeing that for the manumission of the slaves in the West Indies, at a cost of £20,000,000, the whole nation contributed by an Imperial tax. And if the estimate be correct and well-founded, that in the breweries, hotels, and licensed houses, a capital of not less than 300 millions be invested, the outlook for the commerce of the country, and especially employment for the several manufactories and the various artisans, is most serious, and should make the nation pause before a Bill, so drastic and confiscatory in its provisions, becomes law.

"For the reasons set forth above, therefore, I am opposed to the principle of a time-limit for existing on-licences, deeming the proposal to be unstatesmanlike and unjust, and I trust the national good faith will not be outraged by its adoption.

"BREWERY SHARES, DEBENTURE STOCK, ETC.

"The sentiments and opinions offered by eloquent but sparsely-informed persons (not excluding ministers of religion, who are not supposed to possesss accurate knowledge on subjects of this class) would be most amusing but for the serious consequences involved. To suppose that 20, or even 15 years ago, the general public would have suspected that shares or debenture stock in well-established breweries could have been discredited to the extent that the Bill of 1908 has caused, would have been to belie the calculations, experience, and unshaken confidence of some of the ablest financiers of the country, controlling banks, insurance and financial companies, and corporations, by whom brewery stock were viewed as amongst the soundest investments on the market. This being so, is it becoming on the part of Christian men of great ability, and holding high influential postions, to cast reflection and ridicule upon the humane and kindly forethought of husbands, fathers, and other senior members in families, in making provision for widows and children, when the donors, in many instances, have passed away? Such untimely examples are readily followed by persons of less importance. The gravest and most serious result of the proposed legislation, if it should become law, will, however, be to ruthlessly deprive hundreds and thousands of persons now dependant upon the provision kindly made for them, of the actual necessaries of life, through no fault or indiscretion of their own; such investments as are above referred to having been made with as little thought or suspicion (and to my mind with as little justification for the suggestion) that they were in any sense minister-

ing to the sin of drunkenness, as they would have had if investing in water or gas companies, tobacco combines, wagon works, or other companies directed and controlled by men of judgment, integrity, and high social position.

"Having quoted the shareholding particulars of the Bristol United Breweries, Mr. Daniel says it is especially worthy of note that of this huge sum £717,500, less than £100,000 only is held by licensed and allied trades, business classes, banks, etc.; upwards of £600,000 being held by members of the professional classes, barristers and others to the extent of £252,775 as particularised; whilst £384,035 stands to the credit of trustees under wills, etc., married women, widows, and spinsters. This is replete with conviction to any unprejudiced mind and needs no comment from me.

"Craving your kind indulgence while I assert in all seriousness that I detest the sin of drunkenness as determinedly and as much as the most enthusiastic abstainer does, or ought to; and having been a life-long advocate of temperance, alike in theory and sustained by practice, I should rejoice and be profoundly thankful if the moral aims of this temperance crusade proves a success; but I cannot in the fulness of such desire forget the wholesome instruction taught me to 'do no positive evil that a possible good may come.'"

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## SIR WILLIAM HOWELL DAVIES, M.P.,

Has been for some years an active member and Alderman of the Bristol Corporation, very ably served the office of Mayor, and was elected Member of Parliament for Bristol South at the last General Election. Until lately he was the chairman of the Bristol Docks Committee, and has taken a keen interest in matters connected with the welfare of

Bristol, and was one of the British representatives who accompanied Sir Alfred Jones on a visit of inspection in the West Indies, and was present in Jamaica at the time of the terrible earthquake and fires in 1906. He succeeded to, and has greatly extended, the business carried on by his late father as a leather factor and merchant, and in appearance is a good-looking man of about medium height, with dark eyes and hair, bald, wearing moustache only, smart and alert in manner, but affable and pleasant with those brought in contact with him. A fluent speaker, possessed of a good deal of common sense, one of the lights of the Nonconformist section, with which he is much identified, and frequently appears on the platforms at their meetings, bazaars, &c., his opinions are looked upon with respect by the Chamber of Commerce and other business circles. He is married, and lives in the house on Durdham Down so long formerly the residence of the late Albany Savile, and is quite a live member of the community with which he has cast in his lot, and is much esteemed and respected by a large circle of friends and supporters, who rallied round him the last time he offered himself as a candidate for Parliament. When the late Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, M.P., last visited Bristol, W. H. Davies, M.P., had the honour of entertaining him at his house.

Since the above sketch was written, their Majesties the King and Queen have visited Bristol to open the new Docks at Avonmouth, and all his fellow citizens were very pleased that the well-deserved honour of knighthood was conferred on the Member for Bristol South, of whom the following notice appeared in one of the Bristol papers of recent date :—

" Alderman Sir William Howell Davies, M.P., the chairman of the Docks Committee, is the head of Davies & Co., Limited, leather factors, of Bristol, Northampton, Leeds, &c. Born at Narberth in 1851, he came to Bristol at the early age of six, and in 1875 joined his father, the late Mr. Thomas Davies, in the business of which he, in 1892,

became the head. He went into the Town Council in 1884, as representative of East Bedminster. In 1894 he was made J.P., and the next year he was elected Mayor, filling the office with conspicuous success. In the summer of 1897 he went with Mr. W. R. Barker to Canada to represent Bristol in the celebration of the Cabot Quater-Centenary, having during his Mayoralty done much to promote the erection of the Cabot Tower on Brandon Hill. He was also the medium of the city in inviting the British Association to come to Bristol. Upon the extension of the city in November, 1897, Councillor Davies became Alderman Davies. He has been on the Docks Committee for 15 years, and became chairman when Alderman W. Proctor Baker retired in 1901. He is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, and has always been 'a forward policy' man in dock affairs. He is an ex-president of the Anchor Society, and was for several years the leader of the Liberal party in Bristol. In 1900 he opposed the Right Hon. Walter H. Long in Bristol South, but was unsuccessful. In January, 1906, however, he beat Mr. Long, and became M.P. He was the host of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman when, as Prime Minister, he came to address the Anchorites, in November, 1907. Alderman Davies is a prominent Wesleyan and a staunch teetotaller."

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## GEORGE EDMUND DAVIES, J.P.,

Is a tall, solemn-looking man of youthful appearance, with closely shaven face, and wearing glasses. For many years he has been connected with the firm of Champion & Co., of which he is now the head, and is a man not afraid of work or responsibility, as he has shown on more than one occasion of late years. He is an active Town Councillor, and being a good speaker, and a clear-headed,

courteous man, is always sure of being listened to when he speaks in the Council Chamber and elsewhere. He is affable and quite unaffected in manner and bearing, and has a considerable following amongst the Unionist party in the district, where he enjoys much popularity, and although a busy man, finds time to give a helping hand in many ways and places, where he can be of service, and gets through an immense amount of work, being one of the men who prefer to wear out, rather than run the risk of rusting out, which qualities are appreciated by a large circle of his colleagues and friends, and G. E. Davies is widely esteemed and respected by all classes of his fellow citizens.

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## ALFRED DEEDES.

A somewhat shy, reserved man, of about medium height and substantial build, without being stout, very fair, closely shaved, wearing moustache only, on a pleasant, florid-complexioned face. For many years he held a high position in the banking world, and was chairman of a well-known brewery company, but writer believes he has retired from both these positions, and lives quietly at his beautiful place, the Manor House, Frenchay, where, ably assisted by his genial wife, much agreeable hospitality has been from time to time dispensed with graceful liberality.

He served in an able manner the office of High Sheriff for Bristol, was president of the Dolphin Society, is County Councillor for Winterbourne, and was the recipient some years since at the hands of the late Duke of Beaufort, K.G., of a handsome testimonial, at the Constitutional Club, for his services on behalf of the Unionist party. His unaffected manners, and amiable, courteous disposition, have gained him the regard and esteem of a great number of neighbours and friends, who have learned

to appreciate his many sterling qualities, and both he and his worthy wife enjoy great popularity round and about the ancient city, with which he has long had business relations.

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## JOHN WILLIAM STONE DIX, J.P.,

May be described as a big, burly man, who "fills the bill" as an Alderman of one of the oldest Corporations in the country, and is also a Justice of the Peace for the city. He is a man above middle height, with dark hair, eyes, beard and moustache, turning slightly grey, and has a hearty, jovial manner with him which is not always associated in the mind of the public with the profession of a solicitor. He is chairman of the Bristol Gas Company, and on many committees of the Corporation, to the duties of which he devotes an immense amount of time and attention. He is a great lover of flowers, which he cultivates extensively at his pleasant residence in Durdham Park, and is never seen without a tasty buttonhole of flowers of some kind whenever he takes his walks abroad. He is a man who talks in plain language, and generally makes his hearers understand his meaning, but has the credit of being kind-hearted, hospitable, and desirous of doing what he believes to be right and just in the several positions he fills.

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## HUGH GEORGE DOGGETT

Is a young-looking man, with dark hair and eyes, above medium height, and wearing glasses, on an earnest, sedate face. He is practically the head of the firm of Stanley, Wasbrough & Doggett, solicitors to the Bristol Tramways Company and other undertakings, and holds the respon-

sible post of Coroner for the City and County of Bristol, which in a city with a population of about 400,000, is no sinecure. He is a man who has always been a demon for work, and has never shirked his full share of it. In following two such popular men, as Coroners, as the late Henry Sidney Wasbrough and Edward Morcom Harwood, he probably had rather a stiff task, but in point of ability, and attention to the duties of the office, the public have not had cause to complain. H. G. Doggett is somewhat brusque and outspoken, but courteous and unaffected in manner, and possesses the regard and esteem of a large circle both in and out of the profession, to which he has devoted the best energies of his life. He is married, and lives in Leigh Woods.

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## JOHN FULLER EBERLE, J.P.

Is another of those young-looking men on whom years take little effect—probably temperament has something to do with it. He is above medium height, of slight build, good-looking, with dark hair, eyes, and moustache, and has two sons who are making names for themselves in the athletic world. He is an Alderman and Justice of the Peace, and vice-chairman and an active member of the Museum and Art Gallery Committee of the Corporation, and has been a generous contributor to the latter institution. But, as the president, patron, and liberal supporter of everything connected with the Bristol Veterans' Association, he has done some of his best, though probably least known, work, and it is believed to be work congenial to him and his excellent wife, who, in a quiet, unobtrusive way, has given him much willing help. J. F. Eberle is not a man to sound the trumpet before him, but those who know him best appreciate him most, and he enjoys the esteem and regard of those who do know him, and the affection of all connected with the Bristol Veterans' Association.

## HENRY FEDDEN, J.P.,

Is the youngest of the large family of the late William Fedden, of Redland Villa, who carried on business in the sugar trade for many years in the city of Bristol, and he has since continued the same business, his brothers being the late William John, Nelson, Ocher, Samuel, and Francis Fedden, and his sisters Mrs. Gabriel, Mrs. John Fuller, Mrs. Vachell, and Miss Louise Fedden. In appearance he is a rather grave-looking man, of medium height and substantial build, with dark hair and eyes, and pale complexion. For some years he was associated with Augustine F. Woodward, as joint hon. secretaries of the "Formidable" Training Ship and its good objects, but the latter has long since resigned his position in the matter, and H. Fedden has taken the responsibility on himself, and worked well and arduously in the good cause, to which he has devoted a great amount of time and trouble, in fact, he has made quite a hobby of it, leaving him no time, beyond his own business, and his duties as a Magistrate, for anything else of a public character. He is somewhat reserved in manner, but pleasant and courteous, and very popular in a large circle of relatives and friends. He married a sister of Alderman John Wesley Hall, by whom he has several children, and for many years resided at Stoke Bishop, but now at Lawrence Weston, near Bristol.

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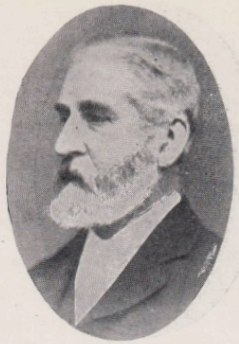
## FRANCIS FREDERICK FOX, J.P.,

Was long an Alderman and very live member of the Bristol Corporation, and gave an immense amount of time to the public service, during which he served the office of High Sheriff and president of the Grateful Society. A handsome man, above medium height, bald, and wearing full beard, &c., he was for many years a well-known figure in commercial circles in Bristol, where he carried



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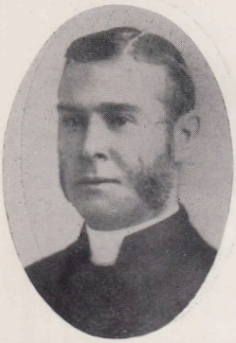
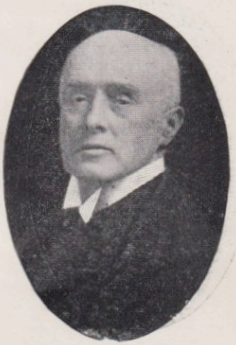


Rev. Albert Grant Lane



Charles Henry Lane

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George Pearson

on an extensive business in the oil trade, succeeding to the firm of Manning, Hayman, Baker & Co., in which he had been an active and energetic partner. Being very approachable, amiable and unaffected, and always pleased to do a good turn for others, when he had the chance, he has always been universally popular, in a very large circle of colleagues, friends and acquaintances, and general regret was felt when the strenuous labours of an unusually active life, and the weight of advancing years, caused the genial Alderman to reduce the number and extent of his engagements, and seek the retirement he so well deserved. He lives at Yate House, Chipping Sodbury, and two of his sons, the elder of whom, Richard Anstice Fox, is a Justice of the Peace for the City and County of Bristol, carry on their father's business. Francis F. Fox has been twice married, his first wife being a daughter of the late Richard Poole King, African merchant, of this city. He is an ardent book collector, and has an unusually complete and interesting library at Yate House.

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## THE RIGHT HON. SIR EDWARD FRY, K.C., P.C., J.P., G.C.M.G.,

One of the most distinguished members of the family so long associated with Bristol. After a brilliant career at the Bar and on the Bench, he ably filled the high office of one of the Lords Justice of Appeal, from which he retired a few years since on a well-earned pension, and has since lived in the neighbourhood of Bristol as a country gentleman, where he often sits on the Bench of Magistrates at Long Ashton Petty Sessions, to the advantage of his colleagues and the public in general, and has frequently been called upon to deal with important matters entrusted to him as arbitrator ; besides on several occasions deliver-

ing instructive addresses on some of the important matters of interest to the community. In appearance he is a slight, well-built man, of grave, dignified aspect, unassuming and unaffected, very courteous and amiable in manner and disposition, respected and esteemed far and wide as a man learned in the law, who freely gives to his fellow creatures the benefit of his life-long experience, and spends the evening of his days in honourable retirement, but is still willing to give a helping hand to any good objects which may appeal for his influence and support. Consequently, his opinions are always received with much appreciation on local or Imperial matters, when expressed at public meetings or appearing in print, dealing with any of the popular topics of the times. He lately took part in the important International Conference held at The Hague, Holland.

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## JAMES GEORGE

Will be best known to most of our readers as a dealer in books, pictures, and curios, but has had the unusual experience of having served for some years both in the Army and Navy, and seen service in both branches, as the string of medals on his breast will testify, and he has also obtained the Volunteer long service medal, and rendered invaluable aid to the Bristol Veterans' Association, of which he has for years been one of the most useful and active members. The writer has known James George for a great many years, dating from the time when he was assistant to his brother, the late W. E. George, then in Bath Street, Bristol, and has had many transactions with him, and formed the highest opinion of his strict integrity and many sterling qualities. He is married to an excellent wife, to whom he is warmly attached, and has, we think, four children, one son in his own line of business in Park

Street, and another in the same way in South Wales ; and two daughters, one engaged in tuition, and the other helping her father in his business.

It need scarcely be added that James George enjoys the esteem and respect of a large circle of friends, and that the greater number of his customers regard him also as a valued friend, upon whom the utmost reliance may be placed.

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## GEORGE ANTONY GIBBS, M.P.,

The son and grandson of two men who both enjoyed the highest respect and esteem of all who knew them, and married to the daughter of the Right Hon. Walter Hume Long, M.P., late the popular Member for Bristol South, it was only fitting that, at the first time of asking, he should be returned as Member for Bristol West, and by his attention to his Parliamentary duties, and the kindly way in which he and his wife have come forward on many occasions to grace with their patronage and presence all manner of objects designed for the welfare of the community, has shown that he intends to be a living representative of the ancient city, with which his family have been connected for generations. His portrait, which accompanies this slight sketch, shows him to be a good-looking scion of the family, and his pleasant, courteous manner, and abilities as a speaker on the current topics of the day, have made him very popular with his constituents and an extensive circle of friends in the Bristol district and elsewhere, and his friends hope he may long be spared to fill his present position as one of the sitting Members of Parliament for the City of Bristol.

Since the foregoing was written, G. A. Gibbs, M.P., has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Auxiliary Forces (now Territorials) with which he has long been connected, and is also a leading Freemason.

## JOHN WESLEY HALL, J.P.,

Who has for many years been the head of the well-known firm of John Hall & Sons, doing a large business in London, Bristol, and the West of England, and long resided with his family at Callender House, Clifton, is a fair, good-looking man, of about medium height, wearing moustache only, on a clean shaved face, and is of active habits.

He has long been an Alderman of the Bristol Corporation and a Justice of the Peace for the City of Bristol, but it is no discredit to him to say that his connection with the Unionist party has brought his name more prominently before his fellow citizens than anything else. The historic meeting at Colston Hall, when some thousands attended to give an enthusiastic reception to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., was presided over by Alderman J. W. Hall, who not only then, but on many other occasions before and since, proved his devotion to the Unionist cause, and has enjoyed the confidence of his colleagues and friends, and the regard and esteem of a large circle, who appreciate the fact that he has given up a great deal of time to the public service in one way and the other, and done his best to promote the welfare of his native city by all the means in his power, ungrudgingly and unselfishly. He has been four times married, and now resides in Gloucester Row, overlooking Clifton Down.

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## JAMES HENRY HOWELL, J.P.,

Has been, on his own showing, connected with the firm of Llewellins & James, bell founders, engineers, copper smiths, brass founders, &c., for about half a century, and is now its head, so that, in his own line of business, he has had considerable experience of commercial life, which has been of value to him as a Magistrate and the other occasions when he appears in public.

He is of medium height and slight build, wearing beard, moustache, &c., on an earnest, clever face, and his courteous, pleasant manner and sociable disposition have made him generally popular with all classes.

On the matter of Tariff Reform he is no lukewarm advocate, and his voice is often heard, with no uncertain sound, denouncing the folly of the British Empire still upholding the worm-eaten policy of Free Trade, which has never had existence in this country, *except in name*, and which has fostered and encouraged foreign competition with most of the leading products of the land, to the advantage of so many other countries, but to the prejudice of our own, and is the principal cause of the increase of emigration and the want of employment, which have been such burning topics for many years past.

Being a telling, able speaker, and a well-informed man of business, he is always sure of an attentive audience, and those who sympathize with his opinions hope he may long be spared to continue his good work, and, if possible, increase the respect and esteem in which he is held by a large circle of friends and neighbours in the Bristol district and elsewhere. He was one of the speakers at the recent successful meeting of the Navy League at the Colston Hall, which was filled with an enthusiastic audience.

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## JAMES INSKIP, J.P.,

In appearance is a tall, rather high-shouldered man, inclined to stoop a little, with abundance of dark hair, tinged with grey, dark eyes and slight whiskers, on a grave, solemn face. He has been twice married, has several children, one of his sons being at the Bar, and a candidate for Parliament at the last General Election. He lives with his family in Clifton Park. For many years he has been in practice as a solicitor, devoting himself more especially to Common Law and Bankruptcy business, and is solicitor to the Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd. He was long a member of the Bristol Town Council, and an

Alderman, and is also a Justice of the Peace for the City and County of Bristol. An able and capable speaker, he has perhaps made himself most prominent as the champion of the Protestant cause, and often appears on platforms in the district when meetings are held on religious matters. For some years he was the chairman of the Taff Vale Railway Company, and took an active interest in all matters connected with it. He is looked upon as an earnest, hard-working man, who leads a strenuous life, and seeks to do his duty, according to his view of it, to the best of his ability. He has a considerable following amongst those holding the same views in religious matters, and is not afraid to express his opinions, even when they are not in accord with the majority of his hearers, but he is generally respected and esteemed for his honest and straightforward character in speech and action.

Since the foregoing was written, the death has been announced of William Proctor Baker, a slight sketch of whom appeared in the first series of " Bristol Worthies," but as it occurred after the issue was in print, too late to transfer his name from those of the Present to the list of the Past, the writer read with much pleasure the lines in the *Bristol Times and Mirror*, from the pen of James Inskip, in appreciation of the deceased friend of so many readers of that paper, and, knowing both parties for many years, can testify to the truth of the statements made, and the very able manner in which the many admirable traits in the character of the late W. P. Baker were eulogized, and brought prominently forward, being, in the writer's humble opinion, one of the best articles he has ever read from the same source, and must have given much gratification to the relatives and numerous friends of the deceased, from their good taste and evident sincere appreciation of one of the best of the " Bristol Worthies " of modern times. The writer well remembers the Clifton Literary Society referred to, which he believes was founded in the fifties, by the late William Thomas Lane, an elder brother of the City Treasurer.

## THE RIGHT HON. THE EX-LORD MAYOR (SIR EDWARD BURNET JAMES).

Although a slight sketch of the worthy Alderman who was lately, for the second time, filling the responsible position of Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol, appeared in the first series of "Bristol Worthies," the writer thinks the paragraph here quoted from the *Bristol Evening Times*, of 10th July last, will be interesting to many of the readers of these sketches who rejoiced, with the writer, at the honour conferred on the Lord Mayor, who must have had untold work and anxiety in connection with the recent Royal visit, and who has dispensed princely and munificient hospitality to the many distinguished visitors and others to the city during his term of office, so that the distinction he has received at the hands of his Sovereign, and under such very gratifying circumstances and surroundings, was felt to be well deserved, and an honour to the ancient city as well as to the recipient. The writer is pleased to be able to give herewith a good portrait of Sir E. B. James.

"At The Council House.

"The Address.

"With the Lord Mayor upon the dais raised in the centre of the stand were the Sheriff, the Recorder, Town Clerk, City Treasurer, Sir W. Howell Davies, M.P., Sir R. H. Symes, Aldermen C. B. Hare, C. E. L. Gardner, and W. R. Barker. As soon as the carriage stopped, the Recorder read the following address :—

"To the King's Most Excellent Majesty and to her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra.

The humble address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Bristol.

"May it please your Majesties,

"We, your Majesties' faithful subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Bristol,

humbly beg to offer to your Majesties our most respectful and hearty welcome on your visit to our ancient city.

" We are deeply sensible of the great honour which your Majesties have conferred upon us in coming amongst us for the purpose of opening the Royal Edward Dock, an occasion of great moment to all citizens of Bristol, who look upon the new dock as a means of increasing trade and commerce not only with his Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas, but with all quarters of the world, thereby fostering a closer intercourse between the nations, which will tend to promote the international friendliness and peace which your Majesties have so much at heart.

" The thousands who are here to-day join in our appreciation of the unfailing kindness and solicitude which your Majesties have ever shown in all matters which concern the welfare and happiness of your people, and we would crave leave with all respect to thank your Majesties for this fresh proof of your goodwill.

" That the King of Kings may grant to your Majesties long life and health to further exercise that benign influence which has spread over the whole world, and has everywhere made for peace and content, is the earnest and devout prayer of your loyal and devoted subjects.

" EDWARD B. JAMES,

" Lord Mayor.

" EDMUND J. TAYLOR,

" Town Clerk.

" The Lord Mayor then formally presented the casket which contained the address to the King.

"THE KING'S REPLY.

"His Majesty read his reply as follows :—

"I thank you most sincerely on behalf of the Queen and myself for the loyal and dutiful address, and the hearty welcome which we have received.

"It gives me great pleasure to visit your city, so celebrated in history and romance, so rich in tradition, so renowned for its wealth and commerce.

"The natural position of the city, situated at the gates of the Western Ocean, has, since the discovery of the Americas, endowed it with an importance which has been fostered by the energy, zeal, and ability of your citizens. Its natural advantages have not been allowed to fall into disuse, and its trade has developed with changing circumstances, and will, I trust, be further stimulated by the opening of the magnificent dock which is the occasion of my visit to-day.

"Nor, amidst the countless occupations of commercial activity, has your city ever failed to produce public-spirited men willing to devote their time and experience to the efficient performance of municipal duties.

"You may be assured that the prosperity and welfare of your city will always be a subject of my warmest wishes.

"THE LORD MAYOR KNIGHTED.

"His Majesty (addressing the Lord Mayor) : 'It will now be my pleasure to confer the honour of knighthood upon you.'

"The Lord Mayor thereupon knelt before the King, who touched him upon the shoulder with a sword, and the Lord Mayor arose Sir Edward Burnet James.

"Throughout the ceremony the cheering from the people assembled in the vicinity of the Council House had been so hearty that few words of the loyal address or the

Royal reply could be heard, but when it was seen what an honour had been conferred upon our Chief Magistrate, his colleagues joined in the demonstration in a way which showed how thoroughly they admired his many sterling qualities."

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"THE KING'S VISIT. 'SPECTATOR'S' COMMENT.

"'Spectator' says :—'The King has been very busy with public work this week. On Monday, accompanied by the Queen, he opened the new buildings of the Leeds University, and on Thursday their Majesties visited Bristol, steamed into the new dock at Avonmouth on board the Royal yacht, and declared it open. The King's speeches showed, as ever, verbal felicity joined to genuineness of feeling, and were touched with a note of spontaneousness very difficult of attainment in such formal pronouncements. In his speech on the shipping trade the King pointed out that the pre-eminence of England could be retained, on the one hand, by upholding the old character of the English sailor for skill, courage, and endurance, and, on the other hand, by adopting the most efficient means of transit and by increasing the facilities enjoyed by our shipping. In replying to the address of the Bristol University College, the King foreshadowed the elevation of the College into a University, and in the reply to the Merchant Venturers he dwelt upon the need of technical education. The King's reply to the address of Clifton College will give pleasure throughout the English-speaking world, for old Clifton boys are to be found wherever the British flag flies. In this speech the King specially commended the inclusion in the school curriculum of "civics," —the study of the British Constitution. He spoke also of the very large number of old Cliftonians who are to be found in the army. Before leaving Bristol the King knighted the Lord Mayor.

## WILLIAM WILBERFORCE JOSE, J.P.

Is a tall, fair, slightly-built man, wearing whiskers, moustache, &c., on an amiable, pleasant face, very upright in bearing and grave in manner. He has long been in the Town Council, an Alderman and Magistrate for his native city. He is the second son of the late Thomas Porter Jose, J.P., and married Maria, eldest daughter of the late George Rocke Woodward, of this city, by whom he has several children. He lives in the West Mall, Clifton. W. W. Jose is a deliberate, good, able speaker, and his voice is often heard in the Town Council and the other public bodies with which he is connected, and these are numerous and important. He is a staunch churchman, and holds evangelical views. He has been for many years in business in Bristol as a tobacco broker, which has brought him much in contact with the leading firms in that important trade in the district. He is a genial, courteous man, who is greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends in and out of business, and has always given up an immense amount of time to the various matters in which he is interested, but of so calm and amiable a disposition, that his years sit lightly upon him, and although many decades have passed since he first entered business and public life, his friends see but little alteration in his appearance or in his ability to perform the daily work on which he has so long and ably engaged.

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## THE REV. ALBERT GRANT LANE

Is the third surviving son of the late O. C. Lane, J.P., and was educated at private schools in Clifton, where he was born, and afterwards in Germany and France. Originally

intended for the medical profession, he went through a part of his time at the Bristol Medical School as a pupil of the late Dr. Hore, but as he did not like the work, he went to Australia for some years, where he travelled extensively, not only in that Colony, but in New Zealand, Tasmania, the West Indies, and Canada, where he was for some years engaged in tuition, and spent some time amongst the North American Indians at their camps. On his return home he went through his term at College, and was ordained by the late Bishop of Norwich ; for some years held the chaplaincy of the Clifton Union ; and was for twenty years Vicar of Temple Guiting, Gloucestershire, to which he was presented by the late Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. He is of medium height and build, closely shaved, with dark hair and eyes, a bright, pleasant companion, musical, very sociable and popular in a large circle of friends all over the country. He has quite a gift for languages, being acquainted with French, German, Hebrew, and some Spanish, and has travelled extensively on the Continent of Europe and elsewhere. He married Sarah Alice, second daughter of the late Dr. George Rogers, of Longwood, Somerset, and has three sons, the eldest of whom, Horace, was in the Cape Mounted Police, and went through the Boer War in the Imperial Yeomanry Corps, receiving two medals for his work there, but is now with his two brothers in Australia; the second, Francis Spernon, is married, and lives with his family at Alexandra, Victoria, Australia, where he has been in business as a contractor ; Cyril, the youngest, is also in Australia, and devotes himself principally to literature, having already made himself known in the Colonies and at home as a naturalist and writer on kindred subjects, and a successful photographer of animals, birds, and scenery in the Australian bush, and many of his articles, illustrated by himself, have appeared from time to time in *Animal Life* and the *Countryside*, and other papers. Owing to ill-health, Rev. A. Grant Lane lately resigned his living at Temple Guiting, and is residing at Portishead, so that

he is now more often to be seen in his native city, where he has so many friends.

Since foregoing was written, Rev. A. Grant Lane has been presented by the patron, Earl Temple, to the Rectory of Stanton Prior, near Bath, a charming locality, with a beautiful little church and picturesque rectory and grounds near Earl Temple's beautiful country seat at Newton-St.-Lowe.

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## CHARLES HENRY LANE, F.Z.S.,

The second surviving son of the late O. C. Lane, J.P., was articled to the late L. O. Bigg for the legal profession, which he practised for many years in London, Bristol, and the country.

From childhood he has been a keen lover of animals, and has owned, bred, exhibited, and judged, almost all the varieties of animals and birds usually kept as pets or for exhibition.

For many years he was an active member of the Clifton Dramatic Club, and took part in very many of their performances at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, besides often acting in private theatricals at his own and friends' houses. He has for years past done a good deal in literature, having written many articles for the *Kennel Gazette, Live Stock Journal, Fur and Feather, British Dogs, Animal Life, Western Graphic, Living Animals of the World,* &c., and published many books on like subjects, of which perhaps the best known are " All About Dogs," very popular and widely circulated throughout the world ; " Dog Shows and Doggy People," and " Rabbits, Cats and Cavies," and has officiated as judge at most of the leading shows in the kingdom, including, twenty years in succession, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London ; Crystal Palace ; Birmingham ; Royal Aquarium, London ; and Brighton, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Reading, Taunton, &c., during the last twenty-five years. In appearance he is

about medium height, bald, wearing his hair short, with clean shaved face, sociable and pleasant in manner, a man with no nasty pride about him, and very popular with all classes, from the highest to the lowest, in a very large circle of friends and acquaintances in all parts of the kingdom and abroad.

He has for many years retired from his profession, and devoted himself to literature, when not away in London and elsewhere on his frequent expeditions as judge.

For thirty years he was annually re-elected chairman of the Downend Conservative Association, and has always taken an active part in the Downend Fanciers' Show, founded by the late Rev. A. E. Jones and himself in 1884, now one of the largest and most important of its kind in the district, the last exhibition, in August, 1908, having about 1,400 entries. He has also been for many years Ruling Councillor of the Mangotsfield Habitation of the Primrose League, and is one of the few to whom have been awarded both the Grand Stars for his services to the League. He has resided for many years in the Parish of Mangotsfield, and taken his share in anything in progress for the good of the parish.

He married Emilie, daughter of the late Dr. H. T. Mostyn, formerly of the 14th Hussars, and has two children, daughter and son, both married and living abroad with some grandchildren.

He has written many comic and topical songs, as well as election squibs, and amongst his many hobbies have been collecting autographs, walking sticks, turning and carving in wood and ivory, fretwork, and cycling. He is fond of music, and used to play the saxhorn, but we think has not done much with it of late years. Being a man who has been little seen in Bristol for some years past, he is probably better known amongst the great army of fanciers, naturalists, and animal lovers in these and other counties, than in his native county of Gloucester, to which, however, he is said to be warmly attached. It need not be added that he has been an

extensive exhibitor of dogs, cats, rabbits, poultry, and cage birds, and taken some thousands of prizes all over the kingdom, and as well as being one of the committee of the International Dog Shows held annually for the last twenty-five years at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, and of the Bristol Kennel Club, has been, at one time or the other, a member of the Temple, Junior-Garrick, and Junior-Constitutional Clubs, and the following specialist clubs :—Collie, Dalmatian, Bulldog, Fox Terrier, Poodle, Pomeranian, Skye Terrier, Dandie-Dinmont Terrier, Maltese, and Yorkshire Terrier ; and, on the committee of most of them, and an active member of the National Cat Club and the British Cat Club, the former of which was started many years since by his old friend, the late Harrison Weir, F.R.H.S., and holds its annual shows at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, and has long been a Fellow of the Zoological Society.

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## HERBERT HENRY MEADE-KING

Perhaps puts in more working hours at his profession than any other solicitor practising in Bristol at the present time, and has done so for many years. Being a confirmed vegetarian, he has a great contempt for those who make a study of the pleasures of the table, and being a man of decided opinions, he makes no bones about expressing his views on these and many other subjects. But he is an amiable, kind-hearted man, who has done many a generous and unselfish action, in an unobtrusive manner, particularly for those who were quite unable to make him any return, but their gratitude.

He is a son of the late Richard Meade-King, J.P., of Walford House, Taunton, is a widower with three children, two sons and one daughter. The former are partners in his firm (formerly Bigg & Meade-King), and lived at

Ellenthorpe, Stoke Bishop, for many years, but now at Clifton, with his daughter.

Wearing his grey hair somewhat long, with beard, moustache, &c., and dressing more for comfort than conventionality, he conveys the idea of being much older than he really is, which is belied by his devotion to business and great bodily activity. He enjoys the regard and esteem of a large body of clients and friends all over the country.

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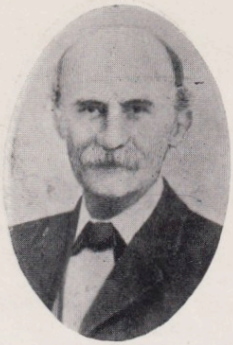
## PHILIP NAPIER MILES, J.P.,

Will be remembered by some of the older readers of these sketches as the infant whose birth caused quite a sensation when he appeared on the scene many years after the marriage of the late Philip William Skinner Miles, M.P. (a brother, we think, of the late Sir William Miles, Bart.), of Kingsweston House, with the beautiful Miss Napier. In appearance he is rather under middle height, with dark hair and eyes, and his parents' good looks, very sociable, pleasant, and courteous, and most popular with all who know him. He is a cultured, well read man, with musical tastes, and was one of those who took a practical interest in the professional education of Marie Hall, who has since attained such a high position in the musical world as a violinist. He resides at Kingweston, where he is a considerable landowner, and the erection of the new Docks, and the impetus therefore given to building in that district, besides the construction of the railways, &c., must have considerably enhanced the value of property in all that district. He is a Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloucester, but does not otherwise take much part in business of a public character. His amiable, unaffected disposition has gained him the esteem and regard of a great many neighbours and friends in an extensive area round and about the city of Bristol, with which his family have been so long connected in many ways.



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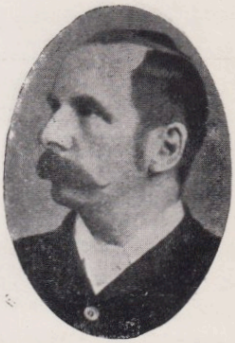

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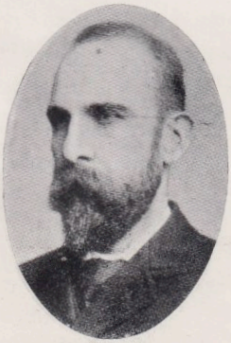

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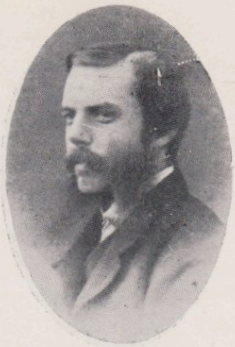

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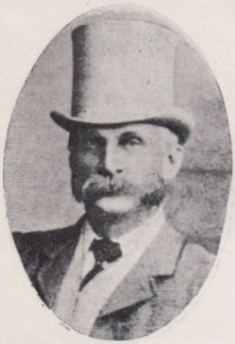

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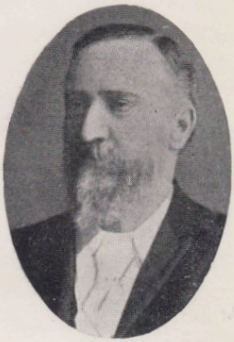

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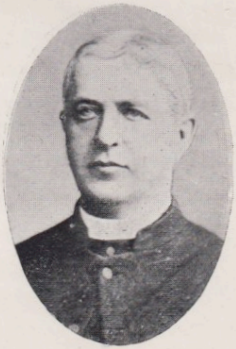

Canon J. G. Tetley

## FRANK MORRIS.

Although for some years, in the early part of his life, he was connected with a well-known firm of public and private accountants, and acted for some time as surveyor of fire insurance matters, he is undoubtedly better known to the public at large in connection with his tastes theatrical, as he is not only in the front rank as an amateur actor, and in his life has taken many parts, with more than average ability and success; but has also tried his hand as a playwright, and done very creditably at it. In appearance he is of slight build, above middle height, with clean shaved face, and a sociable, unaffected manner. On many occasions he has given his valuable aid either in managing or taking part in entertainments for charitable purposes, and it need hardly be added, has an extensive following, and is very popular amongst a large section of his fellow citizens, who have learned to appreciate his work and ability.

The following paragraph which appeared in the *Bristol Evening Times* of 2nd February, 1909, will be interesting to the many friends of Mr. F. Morris :—

### Mr. Frank Morris Married.

" Hearty congratulations to Mr. Frank Morris on his marriage, which took place yesterday, at the Church of St. John, Redland. The happy bridegroom has for many years devoted his talents to giving a helping hand to causes of charity and benevolence. The dramatic pieces which have been staged under his clever superintendence have so appealed to the public that Mr. Morris, aided by his friends, has been able to hand over some few thousand pounds to deserving local institutions.

" There was a representative gathering at the church. The bride, Mrs. Helen Woodward, widow of the late Captain F. A. Woodward, 4th Battalion of the Gloucesters, was given away by her father-in-law, Mr. Augustine F. Woodward. She was attired in a blue travelling costume,

and wore a sable hat and stole. The bridegroom had in attendance his friends, Captain Peck, Mr. R. E. Strachan, and Mr. F. Richardson. Colonel Woodward and Mr. Bruce Cole were also amongst the wedding party. There was quite a numerous attendance of ladies at the church. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris journeyed to London. The honeymoon will be spent at Brighton and on the South Coast."

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## NORRIS MATHEWS, F.R.Hist.S.,

Holds the responsible position of Chief Librarian of the City and County of Bristol, and the fact that he does so in a quiet and unobtrusive manner proves that he is an able man, and well suited for his post, as it goes without saying that, to carry on such work in a large city, with branches in all the principal districts of a wide area, must entail much tact and intelligence and great attention to detail, and the varied requirements of a considerable number of ciritical persons.

He had as predecessors in his office several highly qualified men, but, as far as writer has been able to ascertain, he has given satisfaction to the Libraries Committee of the Corporation, with whom he has had to act, and his colleagues at the several branches, as well as being always ready to give courteous attention to any of the large body of citizens daily making use of the facilities placed at their disposal. So that he may be said to have fully maintained the traditions of his office, and gained the respect and esteem of a great number of the lower and middle classes, who form the majority of those requiring his advice or assistance in matters connected with the Bristol Public Libraries.

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## ARTHUR WILLIAM PAGE, C.C., J.P.,

has for a number of years been engaged in the legal profession in the city of Bristol. He is Vestry Clerk to the Parish Church of St. Mary-le-Port, and Administrator, but he is probably quite as well known as a man who takes a deep interest in Friendly Societies in general, and the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows in particular, in which order he is a leading light, and has not only given much time to making himself well acquainted with the ramifications of the Friendly Societies' Acts of Parliament and rules, but on many occasions has delivered interesting addresses on the subject for the information of the brethren of his own and other Societies. For many years he has served as County Councillor for a large and increasing Gloucestershire division near Bristol, and has given up a great deal of time to the performance of his duties, and taken considerable interest in the matter of education, which has been such a burning question of late years, and done much for its advancement in the area which he represents in the County Council. He is a broad-minded man, and gives the advantage of his influence and support, with word and deed, to matters he considers for the benefit of the public, without regard to his own political or religious opinions. In appearance he is a thoughtful, grave-looking man of about medium height, wearing fair hair and moustache, quite unaffected and courteous, but somewhat reserved in manner. He is a good, straightforward speaker, well able to explain what he means to say, and enjoys a good deal of popularity in a large circle of friends and acquaintances of all classes and both parties in politics, as a fair-dealing, upright man, who does a great deal of useful work in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, and endeavours to do his duty to the best of his ability. He is married, and lives with his family at Redland. Many of his friends were very pleased to see the recognition of his public services by his being created a Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloucester.

## EDWARD THOMAS PARKER.

Although he has for many years energetically carried on business in the city of Bristol as an auctioneer, valuer, and estate agent, he is probably just as well, or better, known to the public at large as the honorary secretary and treasurer of the Bristol Home for Lost and Starving Dogs, for which he has worked hard and well for some twenty years, and during the greater part of that time has had a very uphill game, and no doubt has often felt it a difficult matter to make both ends meet. Fortunately, he secured a popular and sympathetic chairman in Goodenough Taylor, and the assistance of an influential committee of ladies and gentlemen interested in animals, and at the annual meetings often obtains the presence of some of the local dignitaries, such as the Lord Mayor, Sheriff or others, to preside, when interesting details are furnished of the good work the institution has done in the past, is doing in the present, and hopes to do in the future. There is no manner of doubt that the honorary secretary has proved himself the right man in the right place, and that it is in a great measure due to the time and trouble he has devoted to its interests that the Bristol Dogs' Home stands as high as any place of the kind in the kingdom, and has been held up as a model for other towns to copy. E. T. Parker lives at Redland, and has been twice married, having some children by both wives ; one of the children of the first marriage, William Edward Parker, carries on a similar business to that of his father, but is not in partnership with him. In appearance E. T. Parker is rather under middle height, with dark eyes and hair, wearing moustache only on a somewhat ruddy, round face, and has a bright, alert manner, but is very sociable and popular in a large circle.

## ARTHUR WYLDE PARSONS.

One of those men who are much more known by their works than by their personality, as he is of a rather shy, retiring disposition; of about middle height, very dark in hair, moustache, &c., a son of the late Dr. Parsons, of Clifton, where he resides with his family, and has, almost from boyhood, being a demon for work. The Bristol Fine Arts Academy and many other exhibitions have often displayed specimens of his work, both in oils and water colours. For a long time he confined himself almost entirely to subjects connected with the sea and shipping, but of late years he has shown that he has also great ability as a painter of landscapes, and perhaps there are few amongst the artists in the Bristol district who turn out more work in the course of a year than the subject of this sketch, who is popular amongst his brethren of the brush and a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who have learned to appreciate his unaffected manners and many sterling qualities. One of his brothers was the late Alfred Parsons, so well-known as a painter of figures, and another is a clergyman of the Church of England, while his only sister is the wife of Charles Bosanquet, and lives in the Bristol district. His mother, who died at her son's residence a few years since, at an advanced age, was, we think, the daughter of an Herefordshire clergyman, and was greatly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance for her genial and amiable character and devotion to her duties as a wife and mother.

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## THOMAS PAUL

Is, and has long been, a well-known figure in Clifton, where he was born, the eldest son of the late Henry Paul, and nephew of the late Tom Canning, who is slightly sketched in the early part of this series. He had three

brothers and one sister; Robert, a captain in the Royal Navy, now retired; Alfred, a solicitor, well-known as the honorary secretary to the Dolphin Society for many years; and the late Charles Paul, who was engaged in the wine trade. Our friend is another instance of a Thomas who from childhood has always been called Tom, and has long carried on business as a coal merchant, but has found time to take interest in several forms of sport, and, from its commencement, has been an active member of the Bristol Rifles, in which he has for many years held a commission as Captain, and has always been a keen supporter of the Unionist cause, and taken his share of work in the many elections which have been held since he has been on the scene. In appearance he is of about medium height, though he does not make the most of it, with a pleasant, fresh-complexioned face, wearing a heavy moustache, otherwise clean shaved. He is an amiable, unaffected fellow, who enjoys great popularity in a large circle of friends and acquaintances from his sociable, agreeable manners and friendly disposition, and writer, who has known him for more years than he cares to mention, hopes he may long be met with in his familiar haunts in the district. He is married, and lives in Clifton, and used to be very often seen taking the air on horseback.

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## GEORGE PEARSON

Now and for many years past has been in practice in Bristol as a solicitor, but it is not too much to say that he is far better known as a particularly live Alderman of the Bristol Town Council, a frequent speaker at their meetings, and chairman of the committee on electrical lighting, and must have devoted a great deal of time to the performance of his public duties, in which he has shown considerable ability, and was one of those who took a very

active part in promoting the extension of the city boundaries. In appearance he is a strongly-built man of about medium height, wearing glasses and all-round whiskers and beard, on a round, earnest-looking face. He is a hard-headed man, who holds decided opinions, and is not afraid of expressing them, and is respected and esteemed even by those who don't agree with him in all matters, as a fair, broad-minded man, who says what he believes to be right, and acts in a straightforward manner in the interest of the city and the public. Of course, he sometimes runs against the prejudices of others, and is somewhat brusque and outspoken, but he has no nonsense about him, and enjoys much popularity amongst his friends for the ability he displays in a great deal of the thankless work he gets through so well. He married Miss Nunney, and lives in Woodland Road, Tyndall's Park, Clifton.

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## ROBERT THOMAS PLUM

Has probably carried on his business for a longer time than most of the men you would meet with in a day's walk, and though time has dealt very leniently with him, and he looks much the same now as he did to the grandsires of many of his customers, he could, if he pleased, tell of many and great changes he has seen in and about the city of Bristol since first he looked out at the old Drawbridge. In appearance he is of slight figure, rather under medium height, wearing beard and moustache on a grave, thoughtful face, and at one time used to devote some of his leisure to exercise on horseback. But probably the hobby dearest to his heart has been the collection of works of art, in which he has shown taste and discernment, and although he has indulged it only to a moderate extent, has secured many charming examples by men whose names are well-

known in the artistic world, and which, like good wine, are not likely to lose value through age. He has always led a quiet, unobtrusive life, but has secured the respect and esteem of a wide circle of customers and friends.

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## THOMAS POPE

Is another case of a Thomas who was never known to be called anything else but Tom, and for many years has hardly been seen in his native city of Bristol, where he was the elder son of the senior partner in Popes & Bindon, who carried on a large business as architects and surveyors, and were officially connected with the Bristol Corporation. Tom Pope is a high-shouldered man, above middle height, with dark hair, eyes, beard, &c., and complexion, and was for many years a close sticker to his business, and did a lot of work of various kinds in the district. Probably the most noticeable achievement during his connection with the old firm (still carried on by his successors under a slightly altered name) was the erection of the Law Courts, in conjunction with the Guildhall, in Broad and Small Streets. He is an amiable, unaffected fellow, who has always been popular with those who knew him, and has the regard and esteem of numerous friends. He is unmarried, and lives with his sisters at Shirehampton, Bristol, where he retired when giving up the active pursuit of his profession.

The following announcement has appeared in the local papers since the above sketch was in print, and may be of interest to the numerous friends of the late T. S. Pope:—

DEATH.

February 20th, 1909, at Belmont, Westbury Park, Bristol, Thomas Shackleton Pope, eldest son of the late Richard Shackleton Pope, of this city, architect, aged 79 years.

## WALTER REID

Has been for many years the proprietor of the *Western Daily Press*, *Bristol Observer*, and *Bristol Evening News*, and, even during the lifetime of the late Peter Stewart Macliver, M.P., who started the first penny paper in Bristol, took a very active part in management. In appearance, he is rather under middle height, with dark eyes and hair, wearing moustache and slight whiskers, quiet and unobtrusive in manner, unaffected and courteous in bearing, and a real worker, who devotes himself to his business, without making any parade of it. Of a kind and generous disposition, in any good matters of national or local importance he is always ready to give substantial help with his purse and influence, and even those who may not agree in all points with the political opinions supposed to be upheld by his papers, will acknowledge the ability and fairness of the articles they contain, the general broad-mindness displayed in them, and the absence of bitterness or ill-feeling in criticising opponents.

Altogether, Walter Reid is a man generally respected and esteemed by both parties, a large circle of friends and acquaintances, besides by a vast body of readers, for the able manner in which he has long taken a big share of the work of conducting papers which have a considerable following in the Bristol district and West of England.

All the many friends of the proprietor and editor of the *Western Daily Press* were very pleased to congratulate him this spring on attaining not only the jubilee of the establishment of the *Western Daily Press*, as the first daily paper in the Bristol district, but what is much more memorable, also his own jubilee as editor. Those who know anything about journalism are aware what vast strides it has made during the last fifty years, and the manner in which the *Western Daily Press* has continued its hold on public favour, in spite of the fierce competition around it, besides keeping going its two younger offsprings, the *Bristol Observer* and *Bristol Evening News*, shows the

energy, ability, tact, and business aptitude which have guided the conduct of the concern, and proved that the late Peter Stewart Macliver, M.P., knew what he was about when he entusted the enterprise to the present holder, with whom he had been so long associated.

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## FENWICK JOSE RICHARDS, J.P.,

Has been so long a familiar figure in the city of Bristol that to many it may come as a surprise to hear he is a Cornishman, and the younger son of the late Charles Richards, of Lelant, in that interesting county. In appearance, he is a man of big frame, with a frank, pleasant face, dark hair, eyes, and whiskers. For a good many years he was a colleague of the late Alfred Miller in the Charity Trustees Office, and afterwards assisted his late uncle, Thomas Porter Jose, J.P., in his business in Queen Square, but since then he has been in the tobacco trade itself, first as one of the firm of W. O. Bigg & Co.'s successors, which was amalgamated with Edwards, Ringer & Co., and now forms part of the firms comprising the Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd. He is an upright, straightforward man, who has never been afraid of work or responsibility, and has taken his full share of both, and, wherever he has been, has enjoyed the respect and esteem of his colleagues, besides the regard of a large circle of friends, who have learned to appreciate his many good qualities and unaffected integrity. The accompanying portrait was taken some years since, but considered a good likeness. He is a widower, his late wife being a sister of the late Thomas Davey. He lives in Tyndall's Park, Clifton, and has one married daughter.

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## GEORGE RISELEY

For many years held the position of organist to the Bristol Cathedral in a very able manner, but is probably even better known in connection with his performances on the fine instrument—a gift, we think, of the munificent Lord Winterstoke—at Colston Hall, where his masterly execution has given pleasure to thousands of his fellow citizens and others. In appearance he is of about middle height, fair, young-looking, and of slight build. Devoted to music, he has taken great personal interest in the training and promotion of instrumental and vocal performances, and has on very many occasions conducted concerts in which choirs and bands trained under his personal supervision have taken part, in Bristol and elsewhere, and has probably done as much, or more, for the advancement of musical education in the Bristol district, than anyone else who could be named in the last quarter of a century. He is a strict disciplinarian, and down on all slackness or inefficiency, but outspoken, fair, and impartial, so that his colleagues and pupils appreciate the fact that only their best efforts will satisfy the critical ears of their friend and master, who is held in high esteem by those who are qualified to judge of his ability and attainments in the musical world, where he is so well-known and respected.

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## HENRY LORIMER RISELEY

Has for a number of years carried on business as the local manager of a well-known insurance company, is a widower, and lives, with several children, some of whom have achieved much distinction in the athletic world, in Mortimer Road, Clifton. In appearance he is a tall, good-looking man, well set up, of pleasant appearance, and genial, sociable disposition. For many years he was in

the Volunteer Artillery Corps, but we fancy he has some time since retired. He lately served the office of Sheriff for the City and County of Bristol in a very able manner, in which he was gracefully assisted by his daughter, as hostess, at the hospitalities offered to his friends during his year of office. He has spent the greater part of his life in his native city, where he has troops of friends, and he is one of those men on whom time has little effect, for beyond a little increase in weight, he looks little altered in the last twenty years, and has always enjoyed much popularity in a large circle, being pleasant and courteous to all alike, unaffected, and attentive to the duties of his position, which necessarily brings him into contact with all classes of people, by whom he is regarded with respect and esteem.

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## JOSEPH LEOPOLD ROECKEL

Has been so long known in a leading position in the musical world, that it is now a matter of long ago when he and Miss Jane Jackson joined forces, as professors and teachers of music, in Clifton, and though first of all he was welcomed, as the husband of his wife, he soon acquired a large following on his own merits. In appearance he is a very amiable, agreeable man, of about medium height, with a bright, cheerful manner and active habits, wearing his hair, which is dark and abundant, rather long, with moustache, &c., and dark eyes. Not only has he achieved fame as a musician, but has done much valuable and highly-popular work as a composer, and by this he is probably most known in a far wider area than the Bristol district, where he has lived so many years. He is a genial, sociable fellow, who enjoys the regard and esteem of a very large circle of friends, and has always been very popular with his numerous pupils. Since the above sketch was written J. L. Roeckel has lost his late wife, slightly sketched in the first part of this series, and lately married the widow of the late James Dole.

## DANIEL W. ROOTHAM

Is one of those men it is always a pleasure to meet, he is so hearty, unaffected, and sociable, as well as being an acquisition to any company, from his musical attainments. He is so well-known and universally popular, that a description of his appearance is hardly required ; he is sturdily built, with fair hair, wearing a light moustache, on a pleasant face of florid complexion. He lives at Redland, and is a widower, for the second time, with a family of several sons and one daughter, all of whom inherit more or less the musical tastes and talents of their father, who has had a long and successful career as a teacher, and many of his pupils have distinguished themselves as amateurs and professionals. Perhaps one of the most noticeable of recent years has been Madame Clara Butt, who was long under his tuition. D. W. Rootham has been for many years identified with musical matters, in the Bristol district, but he carries the weight of his years so lightly that he always looks at least ten years under his age, and is so strenuous and energetic in his work and habits, that he gets through much tiring labour with apparent ease. It need hardly be added he has troops of friends amongst his numerous pupils and others, who have learnt to appreciate his conscientious discharge of his duties, and the charm of his personality, which make him much sought after amongst musical people everywhere. Our friend has had so many and such fully deserved honours and compliments, in the course of his active career, that they come almost as a matter of course, but all his hosts of friends were delighted at the signal honour he lately received in a Royal command to attend on the Royal yacht at Avonmouth to conduct the performance of the widely-renowned Bristol Madrigal Society, and the writer has much pleasure in reproducing here the notice of the event which appeared in the *Bristol Evening Times*, 10th July last, as some of his readers may like to see it in a more permanent form :—

"MADRIGAL CONCERT.

"The King having expressed his pleasure to hear the Bristol Madrigal Society sing some of the pieces ancient and modern in their repertoire, arrangements were made for the concert to take place on board the Royal yacht while it was stationed in the lock of the new dock the evening before the ceremony of opening that gigantic enterprise.

"At quarter to nine o'clock the members made their way to the Clifton Down Station, where a special train (in which was Mr. C. Kislingbury, the divisional superintendent) came a little later, and took them to the new dock. The train did not stop on the way, and, passing over the new line outside the old dock-gate, reached the temporary station, at the lock, at about 9.20 p.m. 'Welcome to Our King and Queen,' in electric lamps affixed to the engine-house near the graving dock, and the two lines of electric lamps parallel with the lock were aglow, together with numerous arc lamps, so that there was ample light, and the effect was pretty and bright.

"The Madrigalians went straight on board the Royal yacht, which was brilliantly lighted from end to end. They were placed just aft the second funnel on deck, a reading desk being placed at the disposal of the director, with a carpeted dais. The programme contained eleven pieces, the number being limited so that the concert might not last more than three-quarters of an hour. Here is the list :—

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| National Anthem | "God Save the King" arranged by | Horsley |
| Madrigal .. | "No din of rolling drum" .. | Striggio |
| Part-song (prize), | "A Shepherd in a Glade," | C. B. Rootham |
| Madrigal .. | 'Great God of Love" .. | Pearsall |
| Part-song .. | "The Nightingale" .. | Mendelssohn |
| Madrigal .. | "Ladye, when I behold" .. | Wilbye |
| Ante-madrigal, | "Who shall I have my Lady Fair?" .. | Pearsall |
| Part-song .. | "Stars of the Summer Night" .. | H. Smart |
| Madrigal .. | "In going to my lonely bed" .. | Edwards |
| Madrigal .. | .. "Allan-a-Dale" .. .. | Pearsall |
| Madrigal .. | "The Waits" .. | Savile |

"A special copy was provided each for the King, Queen, and Princess Victoria—small quarto book-form, bound in white silk with gilt lettering, tied with Royal purple ribbon, and printed in purple at the *Times and Mirror* office. Every member was also given a copy of the programme, in white covers with gilt letters, as a souvenir of the occasion. All the pieces are familiar to people who generally attend the Ladies' Nights of the Madrigal Society in Bristol. Horsley's arrangement of the National Anthem was sung with much expressiveness. The composition of Striggio is an excellent example of his style, and is a favourite with the Society, and was rendered *con amore*. 'A shepherd in a glade,' by Mr. Cyril B. Rootham, the son of the musical director, gained the prize in the *Musical Times* competition in 1904, and has been received with great favour by the Society. Pearsall's 'Great God of Love,' inscribed by the author to Mr. Corfe, the first musical director of the Society, is a fine piece for eight voices, broad in harmonies and deeply expressive. Mendelssohn's 'The Nightingale' is an exceedingly charming piece, which gives scope for the voices of the boys. 'Ladye, when I behold,' by John Wilbye, is one of the best of that musician's pieces, and is an excellent example of the English style of the 16th century. There is much brightness and charm in Pearsall's ante-Madrigal, 'Who shall have my lady fair?' a four-part song, composed after the model of a species of canzonet. There are several settings of 'Stars of the summer night,' of which Henry Smart's is one of the most popular. It is very sweet and altogether charming. 'In going to my lonely bed,' by Richard Edwards, a native of Somersetshire, is a dainty composition in four parts which often appears in the Madrigal scheme. Pearsall's 'When Allan-a-Dale went hunting,' a rollicking piece, is also a favourite with all who hear it. Savile's 'The Waits,' with its swinging 'fa-la-la,' the last piece of every Madrigal concert, was a fitting conclusion to the concert.

"The King was attired in undress naval uniform, and

the Queen in a black dress and a cape of lace and ermine. Among the audience were the Sheriff and Mrs. Cary Batten, the Bishop of Bristol, Mr. Birrell, Mr. and Mrs. George Gibbs, Mr. C. E. Hobhouse, and the crew of the vessel.

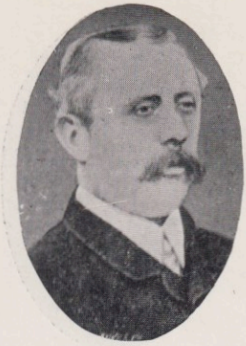
## "The Queen's Delight.

"The Madrigalians were honoured in the highest degree by the graciousness with which their Majesties heard the concert through, and the delight they expressed at the singing. What struck them most was the air of cheerful homeliness and ease of everyone aboard the Royal yacht, inspired by the breezy kindliness of the King himself, and the gentle consideration of his Consort.

"The concert was timed to start at 9.15; but it was half an hour past that time ere the choir took their places, and yet another 25 minutes before their Majesties came on deck, which, covered by an awning, was turned into the concert hall. The Royal suite followed in the rear, the King warmly urging them forward to their seats. Afterwards the extra seats were filled up, and at the King's command, 'Now, if you please,' the concert began at once. The National Anthem was, of course, first, and the King stood uncovered throughout, and afterwards expressed himself very much pleased. Forward the concert went with magnificent swing, all the voices blending in perfect harmony; all singing with the spirit of exaltation and enthusiasm. The Queen seemed quite enraptured, and time and again urged the King to applaud even more vigorously than he had done.

"'Clap louder,' Her Majesty said, and the King, whilst renewing his efforts, gave the signal to the suite and crew, who allowed free vent thereupon to their expressions of enjoyment.

"After the singing Lord Knollys presented to the King the director, with whom he shook hands and had a long conversation. His Majesty told him that the singing had given him great delight, and he had thoroughly enjoyed it.



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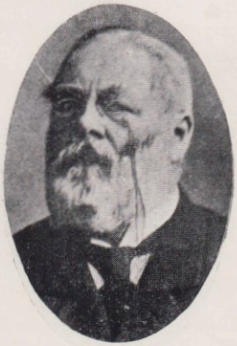

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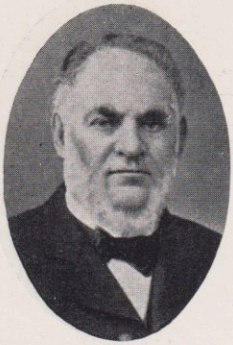

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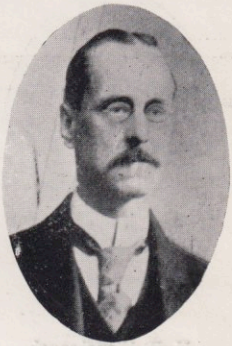

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Mr. Rootham replied that nothing would give them greater pleasure than to have delighted their Majesties. The Queen observed, 'How beautifully the boys sing,' and the King remarked that he supposed they were drawn from surpliced choirs; and Mr. Rootham replied in the affirmative, and that he trained them regularly. The Queen asked for another piece, suggesting 'Home, Sweet Home,' but Mr. Rootham said it was not in the repertoire; but proposed a piece by Mendelssohn, and the Queen assenting, the choir sang Mendelssohn's 'Oh! hills, oh! vales of pleasure.'

"After that the King asked for the president (Edward Harvey, sketched in our first series), and when he was presented his Majesty immediately recognised him, and said, 'I did not know you were here.' The Bishop of Bristol said Mr. Harvey was a modest man.

"'I think the Queen is even prettier than her photographs,' exclaimed a delighted Madrigal boy this morning; whilst he added: 'The King is the finest gentleman I ever met.' As their Majesties came forward, preparatory to the commencement of the programme, the Queen asked, 'Where shall I sit?' 'Oh, there are plenty of seats; choose which you prefer,' his Majesty replied, whilst, as he was coming forward from the saloon, and was passing through the group of officers upon the deck, his Majesty waved them forward with the cheery remark: 'Come along; plenty of room; plenty of chairs; let us get into our seats.' As has been said, everyone was delighted, and the stewards, before the choir left, insisted upon all the boys filling their pockets with biscuits, fruits, and like confections and delicacies.

"After the concert the members of the Madrigal Society were entertained to supper on board the Royal yacht. It was nearly a quarter to 12 before the return train started, and Clifton Down was reached at midnight.

"Some hurried light refreshments were partaken of at the Imperial Hotel, 'The Health of the King, the

Queen, and Royal Family ' was honoured, at the instance of the president, who also gave ' The Madrigal Society,' coupling with it the name of Mr. D. W. Rootham, who briefly replied, and said he was grateful to them for their achievement that night."

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**EDWARD ROBINSON, J.P. (Lord Mayor of Bristol).**

Probably before these lines are published, the subject of them will be holding the important position of Chief Magistrate of one of the oldest Corporations in the Kingdom, which will be quite unique in one respect, for in the remembrance of the writer it is the only case in which father and son have filled the civic chair in Bristol, at any rate within the last half century.

Edward Robinson is the third son of the late Elisha S. Robinson, a highly respected citizen of Bristol, and of whom a slight sketch and a capital portrait appear in this volume amongst Worthies of the Past, and is not strange to commercial life and public business, as he is Chairman and Managing Director of the firm of E. S. & A. Robinson, Limited ; has filled the office of Vice-President of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce ; Vice-Chairman of the Bristol South Liberal Association ; and President of the Anchor Society, and for nearly twenty years has been a Justice of the Peace for Bristol.

In appearance he is a fine-looking man, with a grave, thoughtful manner, and reminds the writer more of his late father than any other of his children he has seen, and, like him, wears full beard and moustache. Amongst a large circle of friends, both connected with commerce and otherwise, he enjoys considerable popularity as a courteous, agreeable friend and a capable man of business, so that there is little reason to doubt he will, if elected, carry out his duties as Lord Mayor with ability and energy, and

still further enhance the good opinion in which he is held by his colleagues and friends in his native city and elsewhere. He is a man in the prime of life, and his wife was a daughter of Dr. Gotch, M.A., L.L.D

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## MAJOR GEORGE FERRIS RUMSEY, J.P.

Although for some years past acted as secretary to the Clifton Zoological Gardens committee, he will be best known to most of our readers by his work on the Board of Guardians at Barton Regis Union, and in his capacity as a Justice of the Peace for the City and County of Bristol, where he has often had to deal with the eccentric persons known as "Passive Resisters," as well as many other classes of law-breakers, with whom he could hardly be expected to sympathize, as a retired officer of the King's Army.

In appearance he is above middle height, good-looking, of military style, wearing his hair short, with moustache only, on an otherwise clean shaved face of rather florid complexion.

Somewhat reserved in manner, he is genial and pleasant with those he knows well, and popular amongst a large circle of friends, by whom he is esteemed and respected as a straightforward, sterling man, who gets through a good deal of useful work to the best of his ability, often exercising both tact and patience in the performance of his not always pleasant duties.

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## ALFRED JOHN SMITH.

In these days, when the labours and claims upon men in high positions are so many and great, it is not often we find citizens willing and able to undertake the office of

Lord Mayor of an important city like Bristol for more than one year at a time, and the citizens should be grateful to the subject of this sketch, who carried out his duties, judicial, official, and hospitable, in a very able manner for two years. In appearance his ex-lordship is rather over medium height, of substantial build, wearing beard, &c., and with a pleasant, genial, unaffected manner, which secured him great popularity during his terms of office, in which he was much helped in the many hospitalities he offered to his colleagues and friends by the Lady Mayoress, who spared neither time or trouble to have all in her power done for the enjoyment of her guests.

The only drawback to a downright good Lord Mayor is that he is a bad man to follow, and the successors to the subject of this slight sketch doubtless have had this experience. His lordship, without going in for being flowery, is a good, straightforward speaker, who knows what he means and how to say it, and as he is quite outspoken, and without any "side," he is always welcome wherever he appears, and he spares himself very little in the performance of his many and important duties.

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## FRANCIS TAGART, J.P.,

While still engaged in business in town, made use of his picturesque residence of Old Sneed, Stoke Bishop, as his country house, and has occasionally allowed the use of his grounds for the exhibitions of the West Gloucester Farmers' Club, and other like matters, and for the entertainment of the Bristol telegraph boys, &c. In appearance he is of about middle height, wearing moustache and slight whiskers on a frank, pleasant face, and at one time used to be seen in the hunting field. He is a Magistrate for the County of Gloucester, and often puts in an appearance

at Lawford's Gate, and occasionally at political and other meetings, as well as garden parties, &c., in the district.

Being a courteous, genial companion, and a man who has moved much amongst his fellow creatures, he is quite unaffected and agreeable wherever he may be, and being hospitable and kind-hearted, he is very popular in a large circle of neighbours and friends, who have learned to value his company and friendship and many good qualities. He is a widower with a grown-up family.

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## EDMUND JUDKINS TAYLOR

Is a son of the late Thomas Terrett Taylor, well-known in commercial circles in Bristol and who during the latter part of his life resided at the Mythe, Stoke Bishop. E. J. Taylor was articled to a Bristol firm of solicitors, and practised for some years, in partnership with Arthur Tanner, when he was appointed Assistant to the late Daniel Travers Burges, and on the retirement and subsequent death of his chief, was looked upon as fortunate to obtain the full appointment of Town Clerk, for which there were numerous candidates. Owing to the growth of the population, and the extension of the city boundaries, as well as the Town Clerk now assuming the duties as Registrar of the Tolzey Court, Clerk to the Sanitary Authority, and Solicitor to the Town Council, the work in his office has much increased of late years, and gives employment to a large staff to carry them all out, and entails considerable responsibility. E. J. Taylor is of a calm temperament, and not easily discomposed, so that he gets through a great deal of work in a quiet, unobtrusive manner. In his earlier years he gave some attention to cricket, and attended most of the important matches in the district, either as one of the players or spectators, but has not had much time since he became Town Clerk.

He was a widower, but has lately married the second time, and lives at Clifton. We think one of his sons is in his office. In appearance he is a slightly-built man, with pale complexion, wearing a light moustache on an otherwise clean shaved face, and although somewhat reserved in manner, enjoys much popularity with a large circle of congenial friends.

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## CANON J. G. TETLEY, M.A., D.D.

Strange to say, it is not always that clergymen, even when recognised as popular preachers, are also good speakers in a general way, but this is the case with the subject of this slight sketch, who will probably be known to the majority of our readers as one of the Canons of the Bristol Cathedral, but he is also known in some quarters as a fluent and graceful speaker, who has usually something interesting to say, and can be assured of an attentive audience. In appearance he is a tall, handsome man, with closely shaved, rather pale countenance, but amiable, pleasant, and courteous in manner. Being a keen lover of animals, he is pretty sure to be seen and heard at any meetings where their care or welfare is in question, but, of course, his voice is also often heard at all sorts of gatherings in connection with religious and charitable objects, and although he has, in the Lord Bishop, Dean, Archdeacon, and others, some very popular men amongst his clerical colleagues, the Canon is a good "runner up," who has a very large following of friends and admirers, who hold him in much esteem and regard for his many charming qualities, and amiable, unaffected disposition.

All those who have had the advantage of reading the genial Canon's interesting book, "Old Times and New," published a few years since by Fisher Unwin, will appreciate his work, in which he clothes in graceful and easy

language what, in some hands, would be dry and uninteresting facts and figures, and the many anecdotes and incidents recorded in his pages, clearly show he possesses a keen sense of humour, and the selection of the salient points in what he desires to put before his readers. And many of the persons of whom he gives slight sketches have been, and are, notable figures in the world in which they lived and moved and had their being.

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## E. W. B. VILLIERS

Has many years since retired from the army, and was long the Bristol representative of a well-known firm of brewers, but is now, and has been for some years past, the General Manager and Chief Superintendent of the Clifton Zoological Company. As these beautiful and popular Gardens have been chosen as the scene of many and important carnivals, fetes, and other outdoor entertainments of various kinds of late years, he has doubtless found plenty of work before him. But he is a man of calm temperament, who is able to hold his own, in a general way, and not easily put out or discomposed. In appearance he is tall, good-looking, military in style and bearing, with grey hair, shaved face, and wearing moustache, dignified and reserved, but pleasant, affable, courteous, and generally popular with a large circle of friends and acquaintances. By the former he is invariably spoken of as "Wagge." He is married, but without family, and lives in Belgrave Road, Clifton. He took an active part, in conjunction with his late deceased brother, Richard John Villiers, about the old series of Bristol dog shows, before the formation of the present Bristol Kennel Club, and has always been a lover of animals, which should make his present position congenial to him.

## HENRY REGINALD WANSBROUGH

Is the senior partner in the firm of Wansbrough, Robinson and Taylor, & Co., whose name is perhaps as prominently before the public as any in the legal profession in Bristol, as they give much attention to cases in the Police and County Courts, and being the solicitors to the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., they often appear in connection therewith. In appearance he is rather below middle height, of very upright carriage, with dark hair, eyes and moustache, and a smart, alert manner. Although he has been practising for some years, his slight figure and youthful appearance show but little alteration as years roll by. His wife was a Miss Wintle, the daughter of a well-known and highly respected Bristol citizen, and he lives with his family at Clifton. He leads an active and often arduous life, and gets through a great amount of work in an able, painstaking manner, and has taken on much the same class of work as used to be carried out by his elder brother, G. D. Wansbrough, who practised in Bristol for some years.

He is an agreeable, sociable fellow, who has a considerable following in his line of business, and enjoys the esteem and regard of a large number of clinets and friends in the Bristol district, where he is so deservedly popular.

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## SIR GEORGE WHITE, BART.,

Is a native of Bristol, having been born there in 1854, and has spent the greater part of his life in the old city. As a boy he entered the office of Mr. John Stanley, a worthy type of the old school of family lawyers, and when just twenty years of age was appointed Secretary to the Bristol Tramways Company. A year later he was elected a member of the Bristol Stock Exchange, of which in

time he became President, a position he held for many years. In 1894 he built and presented to the members the handsome Stock Exchange building, in Nicholas Street, Bristol. He is the Chairman of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited, as well as several other important undertakings, and is interested in railway and other industrial concerns in Bristol and South Wales.

As President of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, he has spent a large sum of money, and devoted much valuable time, in furthering the interests of that great and noble Institution, and has given generous support to many other good objects in the district. He is also the President of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, at Nice, an admirable Institution, which was erected by public subscription from the English and American residents on, and visitors to, the Riviera in memory of the late Queen Victoria. He is a J.P. for the City of Bristol, one of the Charity Trustees, a Governor of the Bristol Grammar and other Schools, and for some years sat in the Bristol Town Council, resigning his seat owing to his many other engagements.

Since this sketch was written, the following paragraph evidently from the pen of a keen admirer of the popular Baronet, has appeared in one of the local papers, and may be of interest to those who have not seen it :—

"BRISTOL'S SIR GEORGE WHITE.

"Referring to your article 'Duplicate Knights and Baronets' (writes a 'P.T.O.' correspondent), have you not overlooked another, Sir George White? Bristol is proud of her own Sir George White, who by personal effort and ability fairly earned the baronetcy bestowed on him by the Government of Mr. Balfour. Our Sir George has been practically the pioneer of electric trams throughout urban districts, and Bristol was, I believe, the first city of the kingdom to have installed a complete system, which has been wonderfully successful and entirely free from

such accidents as Bournemouth and Swindon have recently had cause to deplore, notwithstanding the sharp gradients of many Bristol streets. Sir George, who is a Bristolian by birth and residence, is now the chairman of the Bristol Tramways Company, as well as promoter and director of the Imperial Tramways Company (which, I think, first showed poor old London what might be learned from the provinces in this direction), as well as many other similar enterprises.

"Sir George has also been instrumental in extricating the Bristol Royal Infirmary (the oldest institution of the sort in the country) from a debt of many thousands which threatened to strangle its very existence, and English visitors to the Riviera ought also to be acquainted with his generous gifts, which enabled a blot on English loyalty and generosity to be removed. A convalescent home, or similar institution, had been half-built as a memorial by British visitors to the Riviera to the late Queen Victoria, but owing to the pioneer's death (I fancy it was Sir Blundel Maple) prior to its completion the thing remained a physical eyesore, as well as a standing disgrace to Britons in the opinions of our French neighbours. Sir George White (of Bristol) found the whole of the funds for completing the building, and it was opened by one of the late Queen's daughters about two years ago."

Married in 1876, Sir George and Lady White have a daughter and son. The former in 1902 married E. J. Hudson, Esq., of Weybridge, Surrey, and the latter, George Stanley, married, quite recently, Kate Muriel, daughter of the late Thomas Baker, Esq., of Durdham Park, Bristol, and is now living at Hollywood Tower, Gloucestershire. Sir George's residence is Cotham House, Bristol.

## HENRY OVERTON WILLS, Junr., J.P.

As a slight sketch of his respected father, with the same Christian names, appeared in our first series of "Bristol Worthies," we must distinguish our present subject by calling him junior, though he has long been the senior member of his branch of the Wills family, being the eldest son of the late H. O. Wills, J.P. For a great many years he was actively engaged in the conduct of the business so long associated with his name, and it is probable that its success and importance is a good deal owing to his care and supervision in days gone by.

In appearance he is a man of substantial build, one of the best looking of a good-looking family, above medium height, wearing beard and moustache, on a bright, pleasant face, and very genial and courteous in manner, so that he has always been universally popular with all who know him intimately.

Of rather a retiring disposition, and not always enjoying the best of health, he has not been so prominently before the public as some of his brothers, but the writer, who has known him many years, has always received the greatest kindness and courtesy from him, and has a sincere regard for him. He is a widower with several children. His eldest son, George, lately the munificent donor of the land, etc., in Leigh Woods for the permanent benefit of the public, has served the office of Sheriff for the City and County of Bristol, and with two of his borthers, Harry and Melville, is a director of the Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd. H. O. Wills when at home resides at Kelston Knoll, near Bath, and has a residence in Norway, where he usually spends part of the summer and autumn of each year. He has been a generous contributor to the Bristol Fine Art Gallery, presented to the city by his partner and cousin, Lord Winterstoke, and a director of some local companies, such as the Gas, Wagon Works, and Queen Insurance Companies, &c., and quite lately announced his intention of making the munificent gift of

one hundred thousand pounds towards the fund for endowment of the Bristol University, which largely increases the debt of gratitude already owing by Bristol to the Wills family for their princely generosity to their native city, and the writer trusts his life may be spared for many years, so that he may live to see the good effects wrought by his splendid gift and example, as a worthy successor to a good father.

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## CHARLES WILLS, J.P.,

Is a commanding figure in any company in which he may be placed, and has long held a leading position in commercial life in Bristol, where he has been actively engaged for many years, if not actually a native of the old city. Being long connected with the Town Council, on the Bench of Magistrates, and having served the office of Sheriff, his name has been often brought prominently forward, but probably never more so in any of these capacities than as chairman of the new route to London, an undertaking on which he lavished much time and attention, and, if he had met with the amount of support he anticipated, was very sanguine of success, and had no cause to reproach himself for half-heartedness, or want of energy on his part. He is a broad-minded, far-seeing man, of considerable ability and enterprise, as he has shown in his own commercial career, and when he puts his hand to the plough, is not disposed to turn back without some very good reason, so that, wherever he is, his inclination is rather to lead where he judges the right road to lie, rather than follow others, and has gained the respect and esteem of a large number of his fellow citizens, some of whom are not in all matters of his way of thinking..

## FRANK WILLS.

The majority of the readers of these sketches will not require to be told that he is a substantial citizen of the city of Bristol, with a hearty, jovial manner, which has made him a great favourite with all who know him. In some respects he is more like his respected father than any other of his brothers. By profession he is an architect, and has been instrumental in designing and carrying out many important works in the district and elsewhere, perhaps one of the most noteworthy of which has been the splendid Art Gallery presented to his native city by his cousin, Lord Winterstoke, for whom he has for many years acted as land agent in the management of his estates at Blagdon and elsewhere, in which he is assisted by one of his sons, who devotes most of his time to the work.

Frank Wills, in spite of his being a man of weight, is still so leniently dealt with by Father Time, that he preserves a youthful appearance, and it seems hardly possible to believe he has a large family, many of whom are almost grown up, and some married, but he has always been, and will always be, known as "Frank," to a very large circle of relatives and friends, and as one of the most popular, of a popular family, who have been known throughout the United Kingdom, as large and benevolent employers of labour, and generous supporters of any good objects which have appealed to them for help. It need scarcely be added that Frank Wills is one of the youngest sons of the late Henry Overton Wills, J.P. (a brief notice of whom appeared in the first series of these sketches, as a distinguished and beloved "Bristol Worthy") and lives with his family in Berkeley Square, Clifton.

## LIEUT.-COL. JOHN HENRY WOODWARD, J.P.

We have often heard that it is a sure sign of popularity when a man is invariably known, amongst his intimates, by some nickname, and the subject of this slight sketch is no exception to the rule, as, from boyhood, he has always been referred to as " Jack," and been universally popular. He is, we think, the second son of our late respected fellow citizen, George Roche Woodward, mentioned amongst the Bristol Worthies of the Past in this series, and married a daughter of the late Admiral Fisher, by whom he has a family of one son and three daughters, long living in Windsor Terrace, Clifton, but lately has moved to near Bitton. J. H. Woodward is one of the directors of the firm of Purnell, Panter & Co., Ltd., and is Justice of the Peace for the City and County of Bristol, but probably is best known for his connection with the Volunteer Force, which he entered early in life, and, passing through the various grades of officers, now and for some years past has been in command, as Colonel, of his old corps, the Bristol Rifles, and the fact of his doing so to the satisfaction of the authorities and his comrades, proves him to be the right man in the right place. In appearance he is a young-looking man, of slight build, good-looking, smart, of agreeable, courteous manners, and wears his hair short, with clean shaved face, and moustache. He is very pleasant, sociable, quite unaffected, and much esteemed and respected in a large circle of relatives, friends, and neighbours, as well as by the men of his regiment.

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## THOMAS HENRY YABBICOM, C.E.,

Who has been for many years in the service of the Bristol Corporation as assistant to the late Frederick Ashmead, C.E., whom he succeeded, as City Engineer and Surveyor, is a tall, slightly-built man, with rather a long, solemn, clean-shaved face, wearing moustache only. He was long

in the Bristol Artillery Volunteer Corps, and one of the smartest men at drill in No. 1 Battery, under Capt. Henry Lucas Bean; he has since passed through the various grades, and now holds the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, but we are not sure whether he is still on the active list of officers.

As may be supposed, in a place of the wealth and wide area of the City and County of Bristol, the duties of the Engineer and Surveyor are very important and multifarious, requiring ability, tact, knowledge of men, manners, and localities, as well as industry, firmness, and perseverance, in carrying out the work of the different departments under his control, but all these attributes are possessed to a considerable extent by Thomas Henry Yabbicom, who gets through an immense amount of work in a quiet, unobtrusive way, and has not only secured the confidence of the Council and his colleagues, but that of the public at large, and his courteous, unaffected manners have made him deservedly very popular in a large circle of friends, who have learned to appreciate his devotion to the duties of his responsible position, and his many sterling qualities. He is married, and lives in Oakfield Road, Clifton.

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